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REV. P. W. DORSEY.

# RULES RESPECTING APPROPRIATIONS.

RULE I. Each church receiving aid from the Convention must have a pastor, or the regular service of some minister, whose salary or compensation it holds itself responsible for, and promptly pays, according to the terms of agreement.

RULE II. Each church seeking aid must make a written request to the Executive Committee of the Board, containing definite information on the following points: The amount of aid desired; the number in the church, male and female; number of congregation: the amount of property in the church and in the congregation; the name of the pastor or minister, and amount of his salary or compensation, with the conditions and manner of its being raised and paid; and other things essential to a full and fair view of the condition and prospects of the church.

RULE III. Essential to a continuance of aid is a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board, touching the following points: The general state of religious interests; the character of attendance on public worship and on the prayer-meetings; the number of additions to the church; the changes in the congregation; the amount of benevolent contributions; what missionary work has been done outside of the regular Sabbath congregations; and other things essential to a fair and full view of the condition of the church.

RULE IV. No appropriation will be made to a church for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary or any other debts contracted previous to the application of said church for aid from the Convention.

RULE V. Every church receiving aid must show, as a condition of the same being continued, that it contributes, as it is able, to the treasury of the Convention.

RULE VI. Churches receiving aid are requested to adopt the envelope system of weekly collections for raising money to meet the expenses of worship.

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All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Oakland.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board, must be made to W. R. Strong, Treasurer, Sacramento, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters should be addressed to Benjamin C. Wright, 1703 Gough street, San Francisco, and those pertaining to statistics to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason street, San Francisco.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote domestic missions in the State of California, under the direction of the regular Baptist denomination of Christians, and to promote the general interests of the Baptist denomination in said State, as further provided for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE III. The members of this Convention shall consist of delegates from such Baptist churches, Associational and Auxiliary Societies in the State of California as shall contribute to its funds, and also life members, Each contributing church may annually elect three delegates, including the acting pastor, and if it have one hundred members, or over, may elect five delegates, including such pastor. Any member of a Baptist church contributing twenty-five dollars, either at one time or in annual payments of not less than five dollars, may become a life member, with the privilege of voting as long as membership in good standing in any Baptist church shall be maintained. These provisions as to membership shall be subject to future change or modification from time to time as may be prescribed by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV. This Convention shall meet annually on Wednesday after the first Sunday in April, or at such other times as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon a written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to alter the time and place of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall likewise be eleven directors elected annually.

ARTICLE VI. The Directors shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from their number an Executive Committee of five, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries in Central and Northern California, and appropriate all money for the same; and a committee appointed by Associations in Southern California shall do the same work for that portion of the State, with a Treasurer appointed by the Southern Committee for that region. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex officio* of the Executive Committee for Central and Northern California. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the Anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate

of which in writing, shall be be presented to the Annual Meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ARTICLE VII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State; of three members each, upon Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday-school and Educational work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

## BY-LAWS.

I. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:

First—On important subjects of the report.

Second—On the nomination of Directors.

Third—On place and appointment for next session.

Fourth—On obituaries.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question: "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decision of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and Associations, an itemized account of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports, of not more than fifteen minutes in length, as a rule, of the special committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions being of immediate practical relation to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

. XV. These Committees on Sunday-schools, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist Church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention—provided that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee, with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday-School, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

# GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

OAKLAND, April 9, 1890.

Convention met, according to adjournment, with the Tenth Avenue Baptist church.

In the absence of President Reider, Vice-President McCune called Convention to order at 7:30 P. M.

Scripture lesson read by Rev. A. C. Herrick of Sacramento.

Hymn 463, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," was sung.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. E. Good of Woodland.

Vice-President McCune appointed the following committees.

*On Enrollment:*—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Rev. S. J. Nunn, and A. W. Palmer.

*On Arrangements:*—Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Rev. E. R. Bennett and W. P. Haber.

*On Nomination of Officers for Convention*:—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. W. W. Tinker and Rev. Wm. C. Spencer.

Welcome to the Convention by the entertaining church through its pastor, Rev. Frank Dixon.

Response by Rev. Dr. Pendleton, of Los Angeles, on behalf of the Convention.

Hymn 508, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," was sung.

Committee on Enrollment reported through its Chairman, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant. Report adopted, and committee authorized to perfect the same.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

### DELEGATES.

*Dixon.*—Rev. W. T. Jordan, Mrs. W. T. Jordan, H. E. McCune, W. H. Garnett, G. M. Coulter.

*Tulare.*—Rev. A. W. Webb.

*Los Angeles, Central.*—A. W. Palmer, Mrs. A. W. Palmer.

*Gonzales.*—Rev. J. M. Helsley, Thos. F. Faw, Mrs. Thos. F. Faw.

*Woodland.*—Rev. Geo. E. Good, Mrs. V. J. Clevenger, C. T. Bidwell.

*San Diego.*—Rev. W. F. Harper, Rev. W. H. Stenger.

*San Francisco, Third Church.*—Rev. Geo. E. Duncan, Bro. W. M. Pinn, Bro. B. W. Cable, Bro. J. Fletcher.

*Willows.*—Rev. A. M. Russell, Mrs. A. M. Russell, J. A. Hill, Mrs. M. Hill, Mrs. M. French, Mrs. Jas. Boyd.

*Fresno, First.*—Rev. H. G. De Witt, D. D., D. D. Hudson. W. P. Haber, Mrs. F. G. De Witt.

*Oakland, Swedish.*—Rev. C. M. Nelson, A. Chiladey, E. Rasen.

*Stockton, First.*— Deacon E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. C. R. Ralph.

*San Francisco, First German Baptist.*—Rev. Chas. Hieronymus, Luis F. Morelock, H. Wiersbitzky.

*Sacramento, First.*—W. R. Gallup, Ida M. Gallup, A. W. Wadsworth, Mrs. A. W. Wadsworth, Mrs. J. E. Harris.

*Santa Cruz, Second.*—A. L. Whitney, Mrs. A. L. Whitney, N. W. Alger, Acting Pastor.

*Maxwell.*—Rev. C. S. Taylor, Deacon H. J. Cook.

*Bakersfield, First.*—Rev. J. C. Jordan, H. S. Pelton, M. D.

*St. Helena.*—Rev. S. C. Keetch, F. Barrett, Mrs. F. Barrett.

*Eureka, First.*—S. J. Nunn.

*San Jose, Emmanuel.*—Rev. Bunyan Spencer, Deacon H. T. Hite, Mrs. H. T. Hite.

*San Bernadino, First.*—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D.

*Oakland, Tenth Avenue.*—Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Horace Huntsman, Dr. R. S. Clason, Mrs. E. W. Darling.

*Santa Ana.*—Bro. Geo. W. Hubbard, Sister L. Ella Miller, Mrs. Morse.

*Vallejo.*—Rev. S. K. Dexter, Mrs. S. K. Dexter, Miss A. A. Jones.

*San Francisco, First.*—Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, B. C. Wright, C. S. Bareford, C. S. Mason, H. F. Norris.

*Oakland, First.*—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., C. F. Baker, H. Garthwaite, J. L. Lyon.

*Alameda.*—Rev. Wm C. Spencer, W. H. Latourette, Mrs. C. L. Wood.

*San Jose, First.*— Rev. J. H. Garnett, B. S. Boynton, M. P. Boynton, Deacon R. R. May, Miss G. Rosling.

*Pomona.*—Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. John Barr.

*Oakland, San Pablo Ave.*—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Deacon C. L. Lombard, Mrs. Jane Russell, Mrs. C. Thompson.

*Sacramento, Calvary.*—Rev. A. C. Herrick, Deacon R. H. Withington, Deacon W. R. Strong, Deacon G. O. Hayford, Frank Green.

*San Francisco.*—Chinese, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Fung Yuet Mau, Chau Hong.

*Ukiah.*—Rev. J. F. Moody, J. F. Todd, Mrs. J. F. Todd, Mrs. Sarah Lee, Miss Mamie Ambrose.

*Los Gatos.*—Rev. F. L. Sullivan, N. E. Beckwith, W. A. Stidston.

*Santa Cruz, First.*—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, A. A. Davis, Mrs. A. A. Davis.

*Santa Rosa.*—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Mrs. S. S. Fisk, Bro. Scott, Deacon Robert Crane, Sister Nick.

*Winters.*—Rev. T. R. Bowles.

*Napa.*—E. C. Norris.

*Monrovia.*—Rev. A. B. Tomlinson, W. C. Badeau, Mrs. C. C. Hotchkiss.

*Healdsburg.*—Rev. J. W. Henry, Bro. Isaac Laymance.

*Los Angeles, East*—Rev. W. W. Tinker.

*Selma.*—Rev. I. D. Wood, Mrs. Fannie Wood.

*Chico.*—Rev. Jean Vane.

*Los Angeles, First.*—Rev. D. Read, LL. D

*Penryn.*—B. Browning, Mrs. B. Browning.

*Redlands.*—Rev. W. W. Willis.

*Wheatland.*—Rev. Thos. H. Stephens, Mrs. May Stephens.

*San Francisco, Hamilton Square.*— Rev. A. W. Runyan, Rev. C. F. Forbes, Rev. H. L. Gear, David S. Sawtelle, B. Jennings.

*Riverside.*—Rev. C. W. Winbigler.

*Petaluma.*—Rev. J. Downie, D. A. Smith, Mrs. Thompson.

*San Francisco, Emmanuel.*—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Mrs. W. L. King, P. D. Code.

*Ceres.*—Rev. J. C. Webb, B. F. Huddleson, C. N. Whitmore.

*Santa Clara.*—Rev. H. E. Adams, Mrs. H. E. Adams, W. Williams.

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VISITORS PRESENT.

The following is the list of the visitors in attendance upon one, or more sessions of the Convention:

Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., the first Baptist preacher in California, Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D., Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Groton, Conn., Dr. W. H. Pendleton and wife, Rev. Dr. Ricker and wife, O. A. Lane, Los Angeles, S. Beasley, Cloverdale, Mrs. S. A. Adams, Santa Rosa, N. A. Garetson, Benicia.

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Committee on Arrangements reported through its Chairman, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett.

Programme as outlined by committee up to Thursday noon adopted.

Committee on Nomination, through Chairman Hobart, reported as follows:

For President:—Rev. Bunyan Spencer, of San Jose.
For First Vice-President:—Rev. Dr. Read, of Los Angeles.
For Second Vice-President:—Geo. O. Hayford, of Sacramento.

For Recording Secretary:—Benj. C. Wright, of San Francisco.
For Statistical Secretary:—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., of San Francisco.

For Treasurer:—W. R. Strong, of Sacramento.
For Auditor:—J. H. Stevens, of Oakland.

Report adopted, and Rev. Dr. Abbott authorized to cast the ballot of the Convention for the gentlemen. This being done, Vice-President McCune declared the same to be the officers of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Rev. Bunyan Spencer was welcomed to the chair, and thanked the Convention for the unexpected honor conferred.

Vice-Presidents Read and Hayford were invited to seats on the platform by the President.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by its Chairman, Capt. G. A. Hull of San Francisco.

*Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California*:

In presenting the report of the Executive Committee for the fiscal year just closed, it is proper that we should first render thanks to the Divine Master for the measure of prosperity our denomination has enoyed during the past year, and for the peace and hearty co-operation which have obtained in all lines of our denominational work in the State.

The Committee has had regular stated meetings during the year and the utmost harmony has prevailed in all of its deliberations. Difficulties have presented themselves in the prosecution of our work, as in previous years, arising from the pressing demands for missionary workers, new fields to be occupied, and a poorly supplied treasury from which to draw supplies. Also, the uncertainty in regard to available means, owing to the fact that the offerings for the year's work are received into the treasury at so late a period—much of it when the year's work is practically closed.

The Home Mission Society has continued its co-operation with the Convention work, and very generously made additions to the amount allotted last year, making the amount available this year from this source, for the services of Missionaries in Northern and Central California, $2375.00. The Society also made an allotment of $3.00 for each dollar raised by the Convention for Church Edifice work. The Home Mission Society is entitled to the thanks of the Convention for the generous support which it has given to our work.

The following Missionaries have been serving during a part of the year, but their commissions have expired or been relinguished; the churches, with one or two exceptions, have become self-supporting—the fields and amounts are also given:

Rev. G. W. Disher, Sherwood, one month, $8.33.
Rev. F. L. Sullivan, 2nd Santa Cruz, one month, $25.00.
Rev. C. W. Haycock, Lakeport, two months, $25.00.
Rev. F. S. Lawrence, 1st Santa Cruz, one month, $16.67.
Rev. L. M. Protzman, Penryn, one month, $20.83.
Rev. H. E. Adams, Santa Clara, six months, $200.00
Rev. A. W. Runyan, Hamilton Square, San Francisco, nine months, $200.00.
F. C. B. Silva, Portuguese, Oakland, seven months, $70.00.
Rev. G. W. Archer, Napa, seven months, $175.00.
Rev. C. M. Nelson, Swede, Oakland, nine months, $125.00.

This commission was approved for twelve months, but the church relinquished the last three months, as the members felt able to sustain themselves.

The following named missionaries, continued in the service of the Convention until the close of the year, and appropriations have been made to these brethren and fields as follows:

Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, San Pablo Avenue church, Oakland, 12 months, $383.33, expired March 31;
Rev. R. Lennie, Nevada City, 12 months, $500.00;
Rev. J. C. Jordan, Bakersfield, 12 months, $557.14;
Rev. G. E. Good, Woodland, 12 months, $212.50;
Rev. I. D. Wood, Selma, 12 months, $300.00;
Rev. B. Spencer, San Jose, 12 months, $300.00;
Rev. E. T. Whittemore, Berkeley, 8 months, $200.00;
Rev. S. J. Nunn, Eureka, 9 months, $300.00;
Rev. A. Olsen, Swede, San Francisco, 6 months, $200.00;
Rev. W. R. Connelly, Redding and Anderson, 4 months, $166.67.

The total amount appropriated for missionary service during the year, exclusive of the General Secretary, has been $4425.47.

It will be seen that 22 missionaries have been serving during the whole or a part of the year; one, F. C. B. Silva, labored for seven months among the Portuguese in the vicinity of Oakland, and 21 have been serving with churches, 11 of whom yet remain under commission. Of the 11 churches yet receiving aid for pastoral support, only six were assisted during the previous year. Encouraging evidence is here given that the weaker churches are rapidly assuming self-support; thus relieving the Convention of the aid heretofore rendered them, and opening the way for entering upon new fields of labor.

A glance at a few points will give some idea of the work being done, where assistance has been given.

Special mention should be made of the energetic work done in the Emmanuel church at San Jose, under the pastorate of Rev. Bunyan Spencer. Beginning a little over a year ago, a discouraged organization with 25 members, it has increased to 53, with a Sunday-school attendance averaging 64. Holding meetings first in a private school house, then in a carpenter's shop, which had to be cleaned and prepared every Saturday night for the Sunday services; then in a church building of their own, with house and lot costing $3250.00, all paid for. Such, in brief, is the history of a little over one year's work.

Eureka, Rev. S. J. Nunn, pastor. During the past nine months the congregations have largely increased; the Sunday-school from 50 to 160; church building enlarged and improved at an outlay of $1215.00; 14 additions to the membership.

Excellent work has been done among the Swedes at Oakland and San Francisco. The church at Oakland has become self-sustaining, and the church at San Francisco, under Pastor Olsen, has increased from 14 to 43. It is estimated that there are 6000 Swedes in and around San Francisco, which shows the importance of this work.

Redding and Anderson, 12 miles apart, have been occupied this year, in co-operation with the Sacramento River Association, under Rev. W. R. Connelly. Lots have been donated at Redding, and arrangements are being made for building. Bro. Connelly preaches at each place every Sunday.

Selma.—Good work is being done in this field by Rev. I. D. Wood. He preaches at Kingsbury, five miles distant, and at Sanger, with regular monthly services at Reedley. It is understood that lots can be had at the last two places named without cost if buildings are erected; also that a subscription of $1000 has already been made for a building at Reedley.

Berkeley, Rev. E. T. Whittemore, pastor, organized in June with 13 members, increased to 39; upon a lot donated, a church building has been erected and dedicated, upon which $2500 have been paid.

The work at Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco, under Rev. A. W. Runyan has been very gratifying. This church was aided during a part of the year, but no longer needs the assistance of the Convention. During the year the church paid $1200 upon its indebtedness.

Valuable work has been done at other points—our missionary pastors have all been faithful workers—but these specially mentioned will suffice to give an idea of the encouraging reports received from the fields occupied.

Our General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, has continued his labors during the year with unabated zeal. It is impossible to give any detailed statement of his work in this report. His interest in every part of the work, and his energy and attention to details, are so well known that it is not necessary for us to do more than record our appreciation of his services.

From an examination of the reports of the Missionaries, we find that during the period covered by the reports, there have been added to the churches served by them, by baptism, 65; by letter and experience, 203; a total of 268.

These churches report contributions during the same period, for local missions, $17.25; for Home Missions, $338.98; for Foreign Missions $78.35; Publication Society, $129.91; Ministerial Education, $11.00; Expenses of Sunday-schools, $727.18; Chapel Day, $25.56; Other benevolences, $758.96; a total of $2,087.19. The amounts pledged by these churches for pastoral support, during the period covered by these reports, was $7,367.40; upon which there was actually paid $6,831.85, leaving $535.55 of the amounts pledged unpaid. Reported as paid upon church buildings and lots, $8,290; for repairs upon buildings, $249; upon indebtedness, $1,623.80, making a total of $10,162.80, which, added to the value of lots donated at Bakersfield and Berkeley, represents the increased value of church property. To summarize, these churches have raised during the time reported, for ministerial labor, $6,831.85; for church buildings, etc., $10,162.80; for benevolence, $2,087.19; making a total of $19,081.84. If we add to this the amount appropriated by the Executive Committee for the Missionaries, $4,425.47, and the salary of the General Secretary, $1,500, it makes the total amount expended during the year for the purposes named, $25,007.31, about three-fourths of which has been raised by the mission churches.

It is noted that only one church receiving aid from the Convention has failed to make some offering for Home Mission work; the amounts however, have not been as large as might have been expected. While the contributions from the mission churches for general purposes have been much larger this year than in the preceding year, the offerings for Home Mission work from these churches have been less than those of last year. It is believed to be of the utmost importance that our mission churches, as well as all other churches, should be educated to a hearty and prompt giving for our general missionary work. There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

In the last annual report, special mention was made of the labors of the Woman's Home Mission Society of California as an important factor in our State work. This should be now especially emphasized, for the consecrated labors of those engaged in this society have brought forth this year more abundant fruit than in any previous year. At the com-

mencement of the year, these ladies pledged their efforts to the raising of $500 towards the support of a missionary at Bakersfield; and for an additional $500 for the church edifice fund, to be used for a church building at that place. They have most nobly labored, and have accomplished all and more than they planned to do. Their receipts this year for these special objects have been, for missionary labor, $597.90, and for the Church Edifice Fund, $535.19, making a total of $1,133.09, as against $456.48 raised last year. Truly, the Lord blesses those who have a mind to work.

Your Committee would again invite attention to the importance of the question of church edifices. The very liberal policy of the Home Mission Board in New York, in continuing the allotment of $3.00 for each dollar raised in the State for church edifices, should call forth warm expressions of gratitude, and a very energetic effort to meet this offer with such responses as it deserves, and as will secure a large number of houses of worship at important points where they are greatly needed. Appropriations from this fund have been recommended during the year as follows: To the Second church Santa Cruz, $300; to the Emmannel church San Jose, $300, but this amount, by the action of this church, has been remitted; also to the church at Bakersfield $1,000, of which $500 only, thus far, has been approved by the Home Mission Society; also to this church, a loan of $500. An application for $1,000 from the Church Edifice Fund has been approved for the new building of the Emmanuel Baptist church, San Francisco, with the understanding that this is to be a special gift, and not a part of the amount allotted to the State under the co-operative plan.

The advantages derived from the Church Edifice Fund have been much greater than is represented by these figures. There has been given from this source, an inspiration to local efforts, that has brought assistance to the aided churches, from unexpected sources, which has been of more value than the money derived from the Church Edifice Fund. In the case of the Emmanuel church at San Jose, the encouragement given by the allotment of $300 from this Fund, inspired to such efforts as enabled the church to undertake the work of building and to complete and pay for its house and lot, at an expense of $3,250, without drawing any portion of the money which had been allotted from the Fund, thus developing in that church a spirit of enterprise and self-reliance of great value to the membership for all time, and affording an example to other churches worthy of emulation. In the case of the Bakersfield church, it inspired to an effort to build, which would not otherwise have been undertaken, and it resulted in securing a valuable lot, sufficiently large for a church and parsonage, as a donation, and also an increase in local subscriptions to the building fund, far beyond the most sanguine expectations when the plan for building was first under consideration. Other fields are waiting for assistance in the erec-

tion of buildings, where lots have either been purchased or donated conditionally upon the erection of church buildings; among which Merced, Tulare and Redding should be mentioned.

In looking forward to the work of another year, the Baptists of California are brought face to face with great possibilities for service. If we are unmindful of these possibilities, if we fail to appreciate the opportunities opened before us, if we fail to put forth the efforts which are demanded by the importance of the ends to be gained, we cannot doubt that God will set us aside, and give to those who are more consecrated and more self-sacrificing, the honor of reaping the glorious harvest for the Master, which is waiting to be garnered in California. We need to follow the command given to Peter, "Launch out into the deep," and in complying, we shall reap the reward of an abundant ingathering of the Lord's people.

The present outlook for our Denomination in California is more promising than at any period in the history of the State. What we need is the consecration of individual means and energies, the concentration of our efforts, the determination of every church to cultivate diligently its own immediate field, and a hearty co-operation of all in helping the weaker churches, and the more destitute fields, looking always for the Divine guidance and the Divine upholding; and we shall then come to the next Convention with greatly multiplied grounds for rejoicing in the blessings received at the hands of the Master.

G. A. HULL,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Action on report deferred until to-morrow.

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Report of the Board of Southern California presented by its Secretary, Rev. W. W. Tinker of Los Angeles.

## REPORT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

In making this report, we do so with diffidence owing to the absence of our General Missionary, Rev. C. W. Gregory, who has had all the facts of the various fields in his possession, and we are unable to get such accurate information regarding our churches as would comprise a comprehensive survey of the field. It is also just in such a period of our Associational year as to render the reports fragmentary.

The financial depression which has prevailed in our district as the inevitable reaction from the inflation of a few years ago, has not been lacking in its effects upon our church work, causing many fields that a

year or so ago were entered with promise of great things, to shrink up almost beyond recognition; but the few faithful ones left, and the indomitable hopefulness of the people have constrained us to hold on, hoping and praying that a better day would come soon, and in the Providence of God, we would be there to meet the advancement and utilize it for the glory of His name.

We lament that many of our important mission fields are now pastorless, but the courage of the churches is not gone and we look soon to have the vacancies filled.

At present, there are depending on our Missionary Committee in connection with the New York Board, the following fields which we will briefly mention:

National City, in San Diego county, of which Dr. J. F. Childs is the esteemed pastor, reports greater encouragement than for some time past. They are receiving $200 assistance.

Redlands, of which Bro. W. W. Willis has been pastor, are worshiping in their own house. They are aided to the extent of $300. Brother Willis, we regret, has felt constrained to close his labors with them and we deplore his loss greatly; he did a good work while among us and well sustained the reputation for earnest, efficient work enjoyed by him elsewhere.

San Jacinto is a promising field contiguous to San Bernardino and has recently been blessed in the settlement with them, as pastor, of Rev. S. B. Randall, who, for some time has been debarred from active service, but is now providentially restored so far to health as to assume the duties and care of this church under the appointment of our Board at a salary of $250. His work is amply demonstrating the wisdom of the appointment and is increasingly occasion for special thanksgiving for the restoration to the active ministry of so efficient and devoted a servant of the Master.

Colton is a field that has been cherished for some time, but they have had many hindrances in the way of their progress, and now their much revered and respected pastor, Rev. C. J. Thompson, has resigned. They are praying earnestly for an under Shepherd. May the answer speedily come. They have received $300 appropriation, and it will be continued, no doubt, when another pastor is settled.

South Pasadena and Alhambra, two important churches, served jointly by Brother T. L. Crandall. The latter having lately completed and dedicated a house of worship with the aid of the Home Mission Society, report more encouragement, having enjoyed a season of refreshing under the labors of evangelist O. B. Read. These churches are excellently located and promise in time to develope into good, self-supporting interests; $250 aid is received by them together.

The Palms is an interest between Los Angeles and the sea. They report progress and a fresh impulse in their work, under their new pastor, Rev. A. P. Brown, recently ordained. They are without a house of their own, but have succeeded in making arrangements for some time to come for their services.

We now come up the coast nearer your line to the Santa Barbara district, where we have several struggling interests, but of such a nature and importance, and composed of such material that will not be extinguished, and with trust in the God of the faithful, we look for occupancy of these points for our faith by strong organizations in the future.

San Luis Obispo is probably the most important point in that section, and combined with Nipoma, under the care of Rev. W. H. Carmichel, who seems to be made of the stuff of which martyrs are composed will undoubtedly develop for Christ into a permanent organization. The former point, San Luis Obispo, has made several attempts in time past and failed. These failures have tended to dishearten the brethren, but now they feel confident of success. Bro. Carmichel needs the prayers of us all, for he has difficulties to face that are intensely trying and discouraging, but he has the faith to believe that he will succeed, and may it be unto him according to his faith. He receives for the two fields $300.

Carpentaria and Ventura are bereft of a pastor, Bro. Peter Grant having been called back East on imperative business. Brother. A. Grant of Santa Barbara believes the outlook far from discouraging, and we would do ourselves harm to let go at this time of these points. Let us pray for a man at once for these fields. The appropriation is $200.

Lompoc is progressing as well as could be expected, considering the protracted illness of Pastor J. O. Redden. He is now ready to take up his work again. They receive $100.

The appropriations to these fields aggregate $2,000. There are now coming to us appeals for other points, which we must occupy.

A new church in the city of Los Angeles, heretofore termed the Santa Fe Mission, but now organized and recognized as the Calvary Baptist church, will soon present an appeal to us, which we cannot, and would not if we could, refuse.

The German church, Los Angeles, have asked for $250 for Brother Wm. Appel, from first of June.

Orange has asked for help in the event of securing a settled pastor, and the Swedish, Los Angeles, will undoubtedly need assistance, and there has come to us the privilege of assisting in the support of the pastor at Bakersfield, as it has been decided by the New York Board that it belongs to our territory. If this be true, we will cheerfully assume the

responsibility. This, added to the fact that soon we must pay a General Missionary, (Bro. Gregory's service being without salary), the time granted him having nearly expired, and should he not return, some one else will be appointed, renders the present demand upon us very great for the immediate future, but we trust that all will be well, and that we may be enabled to come to the meeting at Los Angeles in October, at which time we earnestly hope to greet many of you, with a clear conscience and a balance on the right side of the page, ready to begin another year with the help of God, for the spread of the truth in His name.

Brethren pray for us. We need your sympathy and interest at a throne of grace, and may the Lord abundantly bless you in your work is the prayer of your brethren of the Southern section.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. TINKER.

Action deferred.

Annual Convention sermon by Rev. E. R. Bennett of Pomona.

*Text*: I Samuel XII: 7: "Now, therefore, stand still that I may reason with you, before the Lord, of all the righteous acts of the Lord, which he did to you and to your fathers."

*Theme*: Some facts of our denominational history in the past century.

The usual Convention collection was taken up.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Bolles.

Secretary Wright appointed Rev. J. F. Moody as Assistant Secretary.

President appointed a committee on new churches, Rev. W. F. Harper, Rev. F. L. Sullivan and E. R. Stockwell.

Adjournment with benediction by Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

# SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, April 10th.

From 9 to 9:30, devotional exercises, conducted by B. F. Hudleston.

Convention called to order at 9.30. President Spencer in the chair.

Minutes of first session read and approved.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Important Subjects in Executive Committee's Report: Rev. A. W. Runyan, Rev. E. R. Bennett, A. A. Davis, P. D. Code and Rev. W. R. Connelly.

Place and Preachers for Next Convention.—Rev. W. W. Tinker, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, H. E. McCune, John Todd, and W. A. Stidston.

Obituaries.—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Rev. J. M. Helsley, W. A. Badeau, W. R. Gallup, and Rev. W. E. Adams.

Treasurer Strong read his report. As it had not been audited, it was on motion, referred to the auditor.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Baptist Convention in account with W. R. Strong, as follows:

MINUTES AND GENERAL EXPENSES.

DISBURSEMENTS.

| 1889. | | |
|---|---|---|
| April 24. | Certificate Incorporation to State | $13 50 |
| " | San Francisco Acknowledgments | 4 00 |
| May 4. | Winterburn & Co. for publication of Minutes | 158 00 |
| June 18. | C. W. Jones for printing Reports | 9 50 |
| July 24. | Rev. C. H. Hobart | 6 75 |
| " | C. W. Jones for Order of Hobart | 18 50 |
| Nov. 20. | J. B. Hartwell, Statistical Sec | 11 75 |
| Jan'y 4. | P. W. Dorsey | 23 50 |
| April 7. | Herald of Truth, Advertising | 3 00 |
| | | $248 50 |

RECEIPTS.

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| 1889. | | |
| April 10. | Alameda Church | 2 00 |
| " 10. | Wheatland | 1 40 |
| " 24. | Hamilton Sq. S. S. | 4 00 |
| " —. | Reno | 50 |
| " 30. | Grimes by Hertzog | 75 |
| May 7. | Westport S. Eby | 50 |
| — —. | Lompoc J. O. Redden | 30 |
| June 27. | W. H. M. S. Minutes | 32 00 |
| Oct. 9. | Gonzales | 75 |
| " —. | Theological Conference | 4 25 |
| Nov. 30. | Historical Society | 8 50 |
| 1890. | | |
| Feb. 20. | S. C. Board | 37 00 |
| April 6. | B. C. Wright | 3 00 |
| " 9. | Sacramento 1st B. C. | 5 00 |
| | Woodland | 1 00 |
| | Petaluma | 1 00 |
| | Hamilton Sq. | 3 75 |
| | San Jose Emmanuel | 1 00 |
| | Balance due Treasurer | 141 80 |
| | | $248 50 |

## MISSION FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1889. | | |
| April 13. | Paid A. B. H. M. Society | 636 72 |
| May 15. | A. B. H. M. S. | 145 00 |
| July 27. | A. B. H. M. S. | 178 65 |
| Sept. —. | A. B. H. M S. | 70 00 |
| Oct. 5. | A. B. H. M. S. | 133 00 |
| Nov. 4. | A. B. H. M. S. | 303 05 |
| 1890. | | |
| Jan'y 4. | A. B. H. M. S. | 204 50 |
| " 11. | Rev. Nunn's Salary | 37 30 |
| Mar. 4. | A. B. H. M. S. | 86 55 |
| Mar. 19. | A. B. H. M. S. | 204 95 |
| " 25. | A. B. H. M S. | 95 30 |
| | Balance | 1232 55 |
| | | $3,327 57 |

RECEIPTS.

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| 1889. | | |
| April 10. | By Balance | 826 72 |
| " 10. | By Petaluma Church | 10 00 |
| | Tenth Avenue, Oakland | 12 00 |
| | San Francisco 1st Church | 25 00 |
| May 3. | San Pablo, Oakland | 15 00 |
| " 13. | Mrs. Eshelman | 100 00 |
| | W. M. Circle, Fresno | 7 00 |
| | J. Todd, Rochester, N. Y. | 1 00 |
| " 20. | C. A. Keyser, 1st S. F. | 25 00 |

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| May | 20. | 1st San Francisco | 18 15 |
| " | 21. | Fresno | 30 50 |
| June | 27. | Mount Lassen Church | 6 70 |
| | | S. F. Hamilton Square | 5 00 |
| | | W. B. H. M. S. | 18 00 |
| July | 23. | Woodland M. Bidwell | 4 00 |
| " | 24. | W. H. M. Society | 71 30 |
| Aug. | 7. | S. F. Hamilton Square | 10 00 |
| | | Sacramento Emmanuel | 10 35 |
| " | 19. | Oakland 1st Church | 60 00 |
| " | 20. | Stockton 1st Church | 42 50 |
| Sept. | 30. | Oakland Swedish | 15 50 |
| " | 30. | Winters 1st Church | 55 00 |
| Oct. | 3. | Dixon S. S. | 20 00 |
| " | 9. | Nevada Church | 5 00 |
| " | 9. | Stockton 1st Church | 10 00 |
| " | 9. | Santa Clara | 21 00 |
| " | 9. | Central Association | 10 55 |
| | | Bakersfield 2d Church | 1 75 |
| | | Santa Cruz 1st S. S. | 10 00 |
| | | Sonoma Church | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 13. | S. F. Emmanuel S. S. | 5 00 |
| | | Tulare Association | 12 00 |
| | | " 1st Church | 10 25 |
| | | " Sunday School | 3 00 |
| | | Alameda S. S. | 14 00 |
| " | 27. | W. H. M. Society | 175 00 |
| " | 27. | Lakeport Church | 8 00 |
| Nov. | 5. | San Jose S. S. 1st Church | 10 00 |
| " | —. | Santa Rosa | 13 25 |
| " | 9. | Santa Cruz East S. S. | 5 00 |
| | 20. | St. Helena | 8 25 |
| | 26. | Oakland 1st Church | 50 00 |
| | 27. | Los Gatos S. S. | 15 00 |
| | 30. | Stockton S. S. | 5 00 |
| | 30. | Gonzales S. S. | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 3. | Healdsburg Church | 13 00 |
| | 10. | San Jose 1st Church | 53 10 |
| | 11. | San Francisco 3d B. C. | 11 20 |
| | 19. | Woodland | 10 45 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan'y | 3. | Vallejo Church S. S. | 6 00 |
| | 18. | Eureka Church | 13 25 |
| | | " S. S. | 24 05 |
| | 21. | Oakland West S. S. | 3 30 |
| Feb. | —. | W. H. M. Society | 77 25 |
| Mar. | 17. | Merced | 1 00 |
| | | Oakland 23d Avenue | 5 50 |
| | | " Ch. S. S. | 21 00 |
| | | Wheatland Ch. | 8 00 |
| | | Dixon Ch. | 120 55 |
| | | San Francisco Emmanuel | 5 40 |
| | 20. | San Jose 1st Ch. | 25 50 |
| | 20. | Williams | 15 50 |
| Mar. | 20. | Sacramento Calvary | 11 00 |
| | | Dixon | 6 60 |

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| | Sac. Calvary | 20 35 |
| | Ceres Ch | 16 35 |
| Mar. 27. | Vallejo Ch | 21 70 |
| | Ukiah | 40 00 |
| | Calvary, Sac | 4 75 |
| 31. | Sacramento 1st | 36 20 |
| April 1. | B. C. Emmanuel, San Jose | 12 00 |
| | Salinas B. C | 16 00 |
| | W. B. H. M. Society | 208 45 |
| | Oakland 1st Ch | 186 15 |
| April 8. | Oakland 10th Ave | 88 85 |
| | S. F. 1st Bap. Ch | 116 10 |
| | Santa Cruz Bap. Ch | 65 00 |
| | Woodland | 16 75 |
| | Ukiah | 5 00 |
| | Petaluma | 3 30 |
| | Los Gatos | 89 45 |
| | S. F. Hamilton Sqr | 26 75 |
| | Bakersfield | 2 00 |
| | Santa Rosa | 5 00 |
| | San Lucas | 3 00 |
| | Gonzales | 17 00 |
| | Alameda | 100 00 |
| | | $3,327 57 |

## CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

### DISBURSEMENTS

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| 1889. | | |
| April 13. | Forwarded A. B. H. M. S | 90 28 |
| May 15. | " " " | 65 81 |
| Sept. 20. | " " " | 86 10 |
| Nov. 4. | " " " | 11 00 |
| | Balance | 44 62 |
| | | $297 81 |

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| 1889. | | |
| April 11. | By S. F. 1st B. C | 25 00 |
| 15. | Santa Cruz B. S | 15 50 |
| | Fresno 1st S. S | 24 50 |
| | Napa S. S | 10 56 |
| | Oakland Tenth Avenue | 20 65 |
| 26. | San Jose 1st Ch | 7 00 |
| May 7. | S. F. Bethesda Mission | 13 15 |
| Aug. 2. | W. H. M. S | 27 25 |
| " 5. | Fresno 1st Ch | 18 25 |
| 19. | Oakland 1st S. S | 34 50 |
| | St. Helena S. S | 6 10 |
| Oct. 22. | Tenth Avenue S. S., Oakland | 11 00 |
| | Penryn S. S | 12 50 |
| 1890. | | |
| Mar. 18. | Tenth Av. Oakland | 18 00 |
| April 13. | Alameda S. S | 8 75 |
| " 7. | S. F. 1st B. C | 5 00 |
| | Gonzales | 8 00 |

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| April | Oakland Swedish | 4 35 |
| | S. F. 1st B. S. School | 27 75 |
| | | $297 81 |

## BALANCE SHEET.

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| Home Missions, Cr. | $3327 57 | Dr | $2095 02 |
| | | Balance | 1232 55 |
| | | | 3327 57 |
| Church Edifice Fund, Cr | $297 81 | Dr | $253 19 |
| | | Balance | 44 62 |
| | | | 297 81 |
| Minutes and General Expenses, Cr. | $106 70 | Dr. | $248 50 |
| Balance | 141 80 | | |
| | 248 50 | | |

BALANCES.

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| Home Missions | $1232 55 | Minutes and Expenses | $141 80 |
| Church Edifice Fund | 44 62 | Balance in hands of Tr. | 1135 37 |
| | $1277 17 | | $1277 17 |

It was moved and adopted that a cordial invitation be extended to visiting brethren and sisters to participate in the proceedings, and they were requested to hand their names to the Secretary. A list of those reporting is appended to the roll.

The Executive Committtee of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in session in Oakland, April 7th, presented greetings to Conventiou, and referred to Joshua 1: 6, 7.

Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. P. W. Dorsey and Mrs. A. M. Russell were appointed a committee to reply to above greetings.

Committees on Arrangements reported programme for the day. Adopted.

Committee on New Churches reported the following applications: Benicia, Nipomo, Cloverdale, Redding, Anderson,

Sanger, Bakersfield, and Third San Francisco, with the following delegates:

*Benicia*, (Solano Co.)—W. E. Adams, pastor, Sisters E. Campbell, M. J. Tarbox.

*Nipomo*, (San Luis Obispo Co.)—June, 1889, Rev. W. H. Carmichael.

*Cloverdale*, (Sonoma Co.)—W. E. Adams, pastor. Deacon J. B. Beasley, Chas. Rosebrough, Mrs. Isaphene Beasley.

*Redding*, (Shasta Co.)—Rev. W. Connelly, pastor, Mrs. L. J. Fader

*Anderson*, (Shasta Co.)—Rev. W. R. Connelly.

*Sanger*, (Fresno Co.)—I. D. Wood, pastor at Selma, in charge of work.

*First Baptist church of Bakersfield.*—J. C. Jordan, Dr. H. S. Pelton.

*Third Baptist church, San Francisco.*—Rev. Geo. E. Duncan, Wm. Pinn, Joseph Fletcher, P. A. Cable.

W. F. HARPER,
Chairman Com.

Report adopted.

The above churches, through their accredited delegates, were welcomed to a connection with the Convention by the President, who requested Dr. Hartwell to offer prayer that the union so formed might be a blessing to all.

The order of the day was suspended, and the report of the Executive Committee was taken up. Upon a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. S. J. Nunn, Rev. S. S. Fisk, Rev. J. C. Jordan and Rev. W. E. Adams.

Committee on Important Points in the Report of Board of Directors reported through Chairman Runyan.

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## IMPORTANT SUBJECTS IN REPORT OF BOARD.

1. We take delight in mentioning the work accomplished under the direction of the Board, in the erection of six new edifices of worship, the entering of fourteen new fields, in the number of churches becoming self sustaining.

2. We would also make commendatory mention of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society in Bakersfield.

3. We would also call attention to the number of new and important fields which ought to be entered the coming year. At least ten new and important towns and cities. Eight new edifices must be built. Among the most important, large and destitute fields, we would call especial attention to the exceedingly great and important needs of San Francisco as a strategic point for the denomination to take hold of in a special manner, and to Humboldt and San Luis Obispo counties.

We would not forget to commend again in the highest terms the laborious and willing work done by our faithful Secretary, W. H. Latourette.

We recognize with pleasure the zeal and faithfulness of our Scandinavian brethren, to give the Gospel to their countrymen, but wish to emphasize the imperative need of increased help in this direction.

In our relations to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, we recognize the fact of inter-dependence and inter-helpfulness, and urge a large and early contribution for the ensuing year.

It is the sense of your Committee that the *special* demand upon us is along the line of city evangelization. That while we should not do less for the outlying districts, we *should* do more for the neglected masses in our large cities.

A. W. Runyan,
W. R. Connelly,
E. R. Bennett,
A. A. Davis.

Under a motion to adopt, the discussion was continued by Rev. Mr. Winbigler, Rev. J. H. Garnett and W. H. Latourette. It was stated that $1,200 was wanted to close the Convention year withoutdebt. This was secured.

Morning session closed with prayer by Dr. Hartwell.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. President Spencer in the chair.

Prayer by Brother May of San Jose.

The President appointed the following Committee on Resolutions: Rev. W. T. Jordan, M. P. Boynton, Jr., H. L. Gear, C. F. Baker and Rev. I. D. Wood.

Committee on Response to greetings of W. C. T. U. reported.

The Committee appointed by this Convention to respond to the greeting of the Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U. of California, respectfully submit the following:

The General Baptist Convention of California, in session at Oakland, Apr. 10th, respond to the cordial greeting of the Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U. of California, in an expression of their hearty sympathy in the work which the Christian women of our land are doing for "God and home and native land." See Neh. 4: 14 and Deut. 3: 22.

Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant,
Mrs. P. W. Dorsey,
Mrs. M. M. Russell.

Report adopted.

Committee on Place and Preacher reported:

Your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next anniversary beg leave to recommend that the place of meeting be referred to the Board of Directors of the Convention, and that Rev. Frank Dixon be selected to preach the annual sermon with Rev. W. T. Jordan of Dixon alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Tinker, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Dr. Hartwell gave notice that he would move an amendment to the By-Laws at next Convention, so that a Committee on Chinese Missions be added to the standing committees.

Notice is hereby given that at the next annual meeting of this Convention, a motion will be made to amend Article VII of the Constitution by inserting the words "California Chinese Missions," after the words "Foreign Missions."

J. B. Hartwell.

It was moved and adopted that a Committee on Chinese Missions be appointed to report at this session.

The President appointed as such committee, Rev. Dr. De Witt, Mrs. Bradway, Miss L. Ella Miller, J. L. Lyon and Rev. John Downie.

The Convention then gave way to the women that they might tell the Convention something of the work done by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and the Woman's Baptist

Foreign Missionary Society of the State. These meetings were considered unique features of the session.

At 4.15 P. M., Convention resumed its business.

President Spencer appointed the following committees:

On Nomination of Directors for Convention.—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. Mr. Winbigler, Rev. A. M. Russell and G. W. Coulter.

On Trustees for California College—H. E. McCune, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. J. F. Moody, Rev. P. W. Dorsey and Rev. J. C. Jordan.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported through Dr. Read.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. G. S. Good, Rev. E. R. Bennett, and Mrs. P. W. Dorsey. Report adopted.

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## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Missions are the supreme duty of the churches.

1. Because our risen Lord commands us to go and disciple all nations. To question the necessity of missions, or the practicability of missions, or the wisdom of missions, is rebellion against Christ. In the great commission are united divine authority and infinite love. Indifference is guilt; neglect is crime.

2. Love to our neighbors demands that we send them the Gospel. Putting before us the picture of the good Samaritan, Christ says: "Go thou and do likewise." If we were weltering in blood, and dying in hopeless despair, and the heathen were in our condition, rejoicing in hope of eternal life, how much should we wish them to do for us? "All things that ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

3. The reflex influence of missions upon the churches is one of their grandest results. "It is more blessed to give than to receive. Our missionaries do us more by going away than they could by staying at home. Work for the world brings us all up nearer to Him who died for the world.

Having established the duty of missions, let us consider the particular objects sought in their prosecution.

1. The first object sought by missions is the manifestation of God's love. The heavens declare the glory of God, and go plainly to prove the eternal power and Godhead of the Creator, that the heathen are left without excuse for their idolatry and sin. But the majestic orbs of heaven and the splendors of the golden sun cannot manifest the love of God. Creation has no tongue to tell of the cross of Christ. Only the world's Saviour could say: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, might not perish, but have eternal life." Only the cross of Christ on Calvary was high enough for the dwellers in the lowest valleys to see, only the arms of that cross extend widely enough to embrace a sinning, suffering world. But by Divine appointment, the story of the cross can be told to the perishing world by the lips of missionaries. Missions fill every sky with the shining of the glory of God, and with angelic voices, saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men," and so transform every village and hamlet into other Bethlehems.

2. Missions also bear witness for Christ that He died for all. If those who are invited to the feast with one consent begin to make excuse, and go to their farms, their merchandise or their pleasures, still the infinite love is relieved by the fullness and pureness of the invitation. The dust of the missionaries' weary feet will be a testimony against all who reject or neglect the good tidings, and Justice will at last avenge insulted Mercy.

3. Another object sought by missions is to call the elect of God, and gather out of the Gentiles a people for Christ's name. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me," said Jesus. The Divine programme of missions is given in Acts 15: 14-17, and in the Rom. XI: 7, 25-29. According to this programme God visits the Gentiles, not to save them all, but to take out of them a people for His name. This people for the name of God are *called out—elected*—and gathered into churches, styled in Greek ecclesiae, *i. e.*, *called out.* Meanwhile Israel are rejected for their unbelief, and the Tabernacle of David is in ruins. Rom. XI: 7. Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the *election* hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded." Blindness in part hath happened unto Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, and so all Israel shall be saved." At this point God will return and build again the Tabernacle of David. The angel descending from the East will say to the four angels of judgment, "hurt not the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

4. Finally by missions the way is prepared for the second coming of our Lord. Every missionary is a John the Baptist going forth in the spirit and power of Elijah and saying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord; repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Peter, in his 2d Ep. 3:

12, directs the Christians of his day to look for and hasten the coming of the day of the Lord. While there is one of God's elect, yet uncalled the present age will continue. While there is one of Christ's sheep or lambs wandering in the wilderness, exposed to the wolves and the storms, the Good Shepherd will go in some devoted missionary, and seek till he finds it and brings it into the fold. No matter, though the wicked still do wickedly, though many depart from the faith, though the nations groan and suffer, and devour one another, though all creation groans and travails in pain together, the night will endure, and the day of the Lord will not dawn until Christ's sheep are gathered into His fold. "All that the Father hath given me shall come to me." Hence, Peter says, v. 15, "Account that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation." If then, the church, the bride of Christ, would hasten the day of her Lord's return, she must press the work of missions.

III. Finally, the *method* of missionary service must be determined by these ends. This is the *preaching* of the Gospel by the living missionary. The living voice of the living missionary is the first and last means of evangelizing the nations. Our missionaries must be therefore preachers and teachers. When once disciples are won from the midst of the heathen, and gathered into churches, schools will naturally spring up, originating from, and mainly supported by the native Christians. Schools are not to be regarded so much the means of evangelization as the results of evangelization. A Christian literature will also follow evangelization. Our Baptist missionaries from the beginning have magnified the work of preaching, and hence have had such marvelous success. Faith in God's plan and simple obedience to God's command, was to our fathers instead of experience, and so they builded wiser than they knew.

Let us be filled with the missionary spirit. Let us press the duty of missions on our churches. Let us consecrate our choicest young men and women to the missionary service, as the most sublime and glorious work of the ages. Above all let us by humble and fervent prayer urge this missionary cause upon our God, the Almighty God, that He will hasten the completion of His eternal purpose of grace, in the speedy redemption of His elect, and the restoration of all things spoken by the prophets since the world began. In the vehement words of Daniel, let us plead with Jehovah, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do. Defer not, for thine own sake, O my God.

In behalf of the Com.,
D. READ.

Rev. W. H. Stenger presented the enterprise of a Baptist Home for the Aged and Infirm, which it was proposed to establish at San Diego. After remarks by Dr. Read, Rev. E. R.

Bennett and others, the matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A verbal report on the Summer Resort Association was presented by W. H. Latourette. He stated that a very desirable tract of fifteen acres on the beach at Santa Cruz had been offered on certain conditions. The scheme was further explained and endorsed by J. L. Lyon, Prof. Inskeep and Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

Adjourned at 6 P. M., with prayer by Rev. Mr. Vane.

## EVENING SESSION.

Praise service from 7 to 7.30.

The California Baptist Educational Society was given the opportunity to hold its annual meeting. Officers elected: Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., President; Professor Inskeep, Secretary; Rev. Charles H. Hobart, Treasurer; and P. D. Code and G. A. Hull, Executive Committee in connection with officers.

Convention called to order at 7:30, President Spencer in the chair.

Solo by Mrs. King.

Committee on Arrangements reported programme for evening and Friday. Adopted.

Interests of the two Baptist papers were considered. A. W. Palmer of the *California Baptist* astonished and gratified the Convention by the statement that his paper had been consolidated with the HERALD OF TRUTH. Editor Garnett of the latter paper rejoiced in the consummation of this event, and hoped all would now rally to the support of the consolidated enterprise in order to make it a success worthy of the denomination.

Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, from the Committee on Christian Education, reported.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Morse, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. Frank Dixon, H. E. McCune, Rev. G. E. Good, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, and others. The hour being late, further consideration of the subject was made the special order for 11:30 A. M. Friday.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Abbott.

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## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are indebted to Christianity for a new and complete conception of education. Education is the discipline and development of the whole man. Secular education, however thorough in its own sphere, is partial and defective, without transcending her proper place and functions, the State is unable to give religious training, which is, by far, the larger part of a complete culture. The church must supply this defect by providing religious training for the rising generation. The church is the only true educational force. Her Lord is the truth. From Him issues all truth. Around Him centres all truth and unto Him returns all truth. At this point appears the mission of denominational schools to educate their chlidren along the religious lines distinctly held by them. The Bible is pre-eminently a Baptist book. We rejoice in the triumph of Baptist belief, policy, principle and practice. But if the progress of these principles is to be assured to future generations, it must be done largely through denominational schools, primary, academic, collegiate and theological.

While we are deeply interested in, and devoutly thankful for, all the good work done by the college at Los Angeles, as well as the hopeful beginning of a Theological Seminary here, nevertheless, it is the more particular province of this report to make mention of the name and needs, trials and triumphs, the demands and destiny of California College, reorganized less than three years ago, under circumstances by no means flattering. It now has a fine campus of twelve acres, with three buildings, valued at $65,000, with an indebtedness of only $2,000. It has an enrollment of more than 100 students, who represent sixteen counties, three States, and the Kingdom of Japan. During the past year, the work done by teachers has been faithful and self-sacrificing, while the labors of President Morse have been heroic. In addition to five hours of daily teaching, he has spent the remaining hours and days in securing $20,000 towards the endowment of $25,000 made possible by the generous offer of $5,000 by J. D. Rockefeller, through the American Baptist Education Society. Beside the moneys received, several valuable pieces of property have been secured, which, in time, will put thousands of dollars into the treasury of this institution. Notwithstanding these encour-

aging facts, the work is not complete. Even the foundations of a successful and permanent institution are scarcely laid. We commend to the special consideration of the friends of this promising school, the immediate liquidation of the present indebtedness and a vigorous attempt to make the endowment fund not less than $40,000, with which to endow the President's chair.

We record our gratitude to Almighty God for the noble men and women whose gifts and sacrifices have made possible the existence and success of this Christian school.

That California College, with its excellent course of study, with all its needs, all its teachers and all its work and appeal may have a larger and more intelligent and more appreciable place in the prayerful and sympathetic heart of the Baptist brotherhood of California than ever before, is the earnest desire of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Q. A. Henry,
H. E. McCune,
Frank Dixon.

## THIRD DAY.

From 9 to 9.30 a. m. devotional services were conducted by C. S. Mason.

Promptly at 9:30, Convention called to order by President Spencer.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Gray.

Reading of minutes referred to committee upon motion of W. H. Latourette.

Statistical Secretary's report ordered to be read before Directors instead of Convention.

Special committee of three authorized to assist in revising list of ministers in the State in connection with reading of statistical report before Directors. Said committee was named as follows: Rev. Dr. Pendleton, Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. S. C. Keetch.

Committee on Directors for next Convention reported through its chairman, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, as follows:

Report of committee to nominate Directors for the Convention for the coming year:

NOMINEES.

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| Rev. J. Q. A. Henry | San Francisco |
| Rev. P. W. Dorsey | San Francisco |
| C. W. Dearborn | Oakland |
| Rev. C. H. Hobart | Oakland |
| H. E. McCune | Dixon |
| H. L. Gear | San Francisco |
| W. P. Haber | Fresno |
| John Todd | Ukiah |
| Rev. Wm. C. Spencer | Alameda |
| Rev. A. M. Russell | Willows |
| C. N. Whitmore | Ceres |

The Secretary of the Convention by unanimous vote, was authorized to cast the ballot for the Directors as named in the report of the Committee. He did so, and the President of the Convention declared the gentlemen just named and voted for, the Directors for the ensuing year.

A Committee on Temperance was appointed as follows: Rev. J. Vane, W. M. Pinn, B. A. Browning, J. A. Hill and Rev. A. Alger.

Rev. W. H. Latourette moved that the Board of Directors be the Programme Committee for the next Convention. Carried.

Committee on Publication Society, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, chairman, reported.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your committee appointed to prepare a report on the work of the A. B. P. S. desire to present the following:

California has never received greater consideration from this Society than during the past year. Rev. Dr. Abbott, to whom all its interests in this State have so long been entrusted, has been relieved of a portion of this burden by the appointment of Rev. Doctor Gray as Sunday-school Missionary for Southern California. The Society has thus given to us the services of two brethren of unquestioned earnestness and long experience.

A large grant of tracts has been made to many of our pastors, thereby greatly aiding them in their work.

Several new Sunday-schools have been most generously supplied with the necessary Sunday-school literature, and in some instances with copies of the Word of God.

Five or six new churches are rejoicing in the possession of a handsome pulpit Bible, the gift of this Society.

We are thankful for all the helps which it has given to our churches, Sunday-schools and pastors. But we believe that as our Eastern brethren come to understand the great needs and grand possibilities of our State, California will receive yet more liberal consideration from the Publication Society.

We very gladly testify that no man carries the Baptist interests of this State more upon his heart than does Dr. Abbott. We believe that he never did more or better work than during the past year.

Your Committee would urge the adoption by all our churches of the Baptist Hymnal published by this Society. We believe that it is the peer of any book now in the market; and, since we hold to "one faith, one Lord and one baptism," God speed the day when California Baptists shall hold to one hymn-book, and that book the Baptist Hymnal.

We would most respectfully call the attention of the Society to the need of a Baptist Sunday-school hymn book. Surely, it is not too much to expect that the Society which has given to us Sunday-school helps, which are unexcelled by those of any other denomination, will presently give to us a Sunday-school hymn book of which we shall be justly proud, and which will tell mightily for God in our work among the young.

In conclusion your committee would urge upon the churches the observance of Children's and Bible Days, and further recommend that this body allow Dr. Abbott twenty minutes in which to speak in the interest of the Publication Society.

Wm. C. Spencer.
H. G. De Witt.

Under a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. C. Webb and Rev. C. H. Hobart. Report adopted.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported through Rev. W. W. Tinker, chairman. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Abbott, Rev. W. F. Harper, Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. Dr. Gray and Mrs. G. S. Abbott, who gave Dr. Abbott's itemized report of our Sunday-schools. Both reports were adopted, with the special understanding

that the statistical report of the Sunday-schools should be printed in full in the minutes.

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## REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The growth in Baptist Sunday-schools throughout the State has been along various lines. Number of schools and enrollment therein; preparation and consecration of teachers; return to use of Bibles in the classes; adequate use of helps in lesson-study.

Mission schools are developing into that best class of churches, working bodies. Contributions from these for self support, for missions, home and foreign, are increasing.

Notable work has been done by the Sunday-school missionaries, G. S. Abbott, D. D. and E. H. Gray, D. D. Through these, the Missionary Department of the American Baptist Publication Society has done a blessed work by the large number of grants. The widening adoption and use of this, our Society's literature, the excellence of which is unsurpassed, show the economy to the denomination in the young and converts being taught Baptist principles through Baptist channels.

It is an encouraging fact that there has been a greater call for libraries, and that the base of supplies both for libraries and literature of all grades, in the hands of G. S. Abbott, D. D., receives appreciative attention, and is felt to be a necessity.

Dr. Abbott has held Sunday-school Institutes of deep interest and practical work in several centres of influence; and it is a pleasure to report that Institutes are planned which are to be held soon at Eureka, Willows, Sacramento, and that plans for others are well under way.

### RESOLUTIONS.

First, That each Baptist Sunday-school in California be requested to have read in full session the resolutions adopted one year ago.

Second, That greater care, interest, culture and encouragement should be shown in all Sunday-school singing.

Third, That the call for libraries should be more general; and that carefully selected libraries should be at the command of all Baptist Sunday-schools.

Fourth, That Baptist pastors would do well to devote more time to the cultivation of the Sunday-school Field.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENZO D. INSKEEP,
C. F. BAKER,
W. W. TINKER.
Committee.

## STATISTICS OF OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA.

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| Regular Baptist Sunday-schools which have reported to us | 107 |
| Regular Baptist Mission Sunday-schools | 14 |
| Union Sunday-schools reported to us | 30 |
| New Baptist Sunday and Mission schools already formed in 1890 | 3 |
| New Union " " " " " " " | 4 |
| Membership reported from 107 regular schools | 10,697 |
| Average attendance | 6,568 |
| Regular Baptist Mission school attendance | 874 |
| Average attendance of these Mission schools | 652 |
| Total average attendance in church and Mission schools of our denomination | 7,218 |
| Sunday-schools holding morning sessions | 65 |
| Sunday-schools holding noon sessions | 19 |
| Sunday-schools holding afternoon sessions | 23 |
| Sunday-schools having no organ or piano | 12 |
| Sunday-schools which rent organs | 5 |
| Sunday-schools which have orchestral music | 8 |

Use of Gospel hymns well-nigh universal in our Sunday-schools.

Not more than 25 schools using other books.

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| Number of Baptist Sunday-schools reporting themselves as the largest in town | 9 |
| Baptist Sunday-schools reporting themselves as the only schools in the place | 4 |
| Sunday-school scholars from 47 schools who have in the year joined the church | 417 |
| Number of schools reporting no conversions, the large number of | 60 |
| Sundays-schools having Teachers' Meetings | 20 |
| " " Normal Classes | 6 |
| " " Teachers' Prayer Meetings | 2 |

Some of our schools have temperance organizations; others have Home and Foreign Mission equipments. Many have no Boards for Christian work, no conversions, a cipher for everything. Hope it will not always be thus with them.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOL NOTES.

Among Sunday-school notes I wish to call attention to the following:

1. The American Baptist Publication Society has given Testaments, and Bibles and tracts in great numbers to our schools (mission and home) in San Francisco, Fresno, San Diego, Sacramento San Jose, Rivera, Oakland and Berkeley; six pulpit Bibles; grants to Miss L. Ella Miller, etc. A large number also of the pastors of the State have had tracts donated to them at our request, directly from Philadelphia.

2. Many grants of Sunday-school supplies have been allowed for a quarter to newly formed Sunday-schools, with pledge of renewal of supplies thereafter.

3. Attendance of Sunday-school children at public worship is fair; evidently larger with schools which have a morning session, and proportionately larger in the country than in the city.

4. The First Baptist Sunday-school of San Francisco reports the largest number of conversions..... 40
The next largest Riverside..... 30
" " Oakland..... 25
" " Pomona..... 20

5. The First Baptist church of San Francisco has the largest Mission school (Bethesda)..... 300

6. San Diego Baptists lead the State in the support of the largest number of Baptist Mission schools.

7. The Los Angeles Association is the only one whose Annual meetings are preceded by a Sunday-school Convention. It would be well if every Association had such a preface, or at least a full day set apart for Sunday-school considerations.

One of the most gratifying features of Sunday-school progress of late has been the increasing demand for Sunday-schools libraries. The calls for these have come from all parts of the State; within a few days from San Jose, Alameda and San Diego. Nothing is more needed in California to-day than a lifting of the religious andde nominational intelligence of the youth of our people.

For our Sunday-schools and the A. B. P. Society,

G. S. ABBOTT.

118 11th street, Oakland, Cal.

At this point a motion to limit all speakers to three minutes was adopted.

Committee on Nomination of Trustees for California College submitted its report through Rev. C. H. Hobart. Report adopted.

TRUSTEES WHOSE TERM EXPIRES 1893.

Rev. Bunyan Spencer, 369 Delmar Ave., San Jose; G. S. Abbott, D. D., Oakland; Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, East Oakland; J. Q. A. Henry, 618 Golden Gate Ave.; E. H. Gray, D. D., Oakland; W. R. Gallup, Sacramento; G. M. Coulter, Batavia; C. N. Whitmore, Ceres.

Committee on Resolutions reported through its Chairman, Rev. W. T. Jordan.

*Resolved*, That the hospitality of the Tenth Avenue church in entertaining this Convention has been ample, satisfactory and unbounded, and that this Convention express its grateful thanks for the same bya rising vote.

*Resolved*, That we record with much pleasure our appreciation of the kindness of the various railroads and steamship lines in granting reduced rates.

*Resolved*, That we extend our thanks in a most hearty manner to the Press of this city for its satisfactory reports of the proceedings of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That we congratulate the Baptists of California upon the consolidation of the *California Baptist* with the *Herald of Truth*, and we recommend the adoption of the *Herald of Truth* as the organ of the denomination in this State, and most earnestly urge the brethren all over the State to rally to its support till it shall become a paper second to none in the whole country.

*Resolved*, That we recognize with hearty approval the fact that we have a publishing house in the city of San Francisco, which is owned by Baptists, and we suggest to the Convention and Associations that they have their minutes printed by the Leader Publishing Company.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Convention, record with profound thankfulness and appreciation the splendid work done during the past year by Miss L. Ella Miller in awakening such an intense interest in foreign missions among our churches.

*Resolved*, That this Convention is again brought under obligations to Dr. Morse for his undying and ever increasing and successful efforts in securing money for California College, and that we renew our expressions of confidence in him as the manager of our educational interests as represented by California College.

*Resolved*, That we also extend our warmest and most sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Gray for laying the foundation of a Theological Seminary for this Coast, and we pray that their lives may be spared to see their plans and efforts ripen into a well equipped Seminary, which shall meet all the demands of our denomination.

*Resolved*, That we sympathize with our brethren in Southern California in their efforts to sustain Los Angeles University, and sincerely hope the Institution may soon reach a safe and sure position.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of a Committee of five to confer with the brethren of Southern California regarding the establishment of a Baptist Home for the Pacific Coast.

*Resolved*, That this Convention approves the action of the Baptist Summer Resort Association in locating the encampment at Santa Cruz upon the tract so generously donated by Messrs. J. C. Kimble and Jacob Schwan.

W. T. JORDAN,
I. D. WOOD,
C. F. BAKER,
M. P. BOYNTON.

It was moved and adopted that the resolutions be voted upon seriatim.

All the resolutions were unanimously adopted, and several of them with applause.

The order of the day was called, namely, action on the report on Christian Education. The report was adopted.

A Committee on Baptist Home, called for by resolutions, was appointed by President as follows: J. L. Lyon, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Mrs. G. S. Abbott, Mrs. E. H. Gray and Mrs. Darling.

President Spencer appointed as the Committee to approve the minutes in behalf of the Convention, Rev. Dr. Hartwell, Rev. C. H. Hobart and Rev. W. H. Latourette. He asked the Convention if all matters pertaining to the publication of minutes should be left to the above committee, and it was so ordered.

Rev. Dr. Morse, Rev. W. W. Tinker, and Rev. Dr. Hartwell were appointed a committee to nominate delegates from this Convention to the National Anniversaries in Chicago in May.

Convention adjourned to 1.30 P. M., with prayer by Rev. Mr. Connelly.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 1.30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. C. Keetch.

Committee on Chinese Missions reported through its chairman, Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D.

Your Committee on Missionary Work among the Chinese in California wish to submit the following report. They have given thoughtful attention to the subject. First, to the work already done and to that which is being done at this time. Second, what ought to be done.

1st. There are to-day ten Chinese missions, one in each of the following places: San Francisco, Oakland, E. Oakland, Sacramento, Chico, Fresno, Tulare, Los Angeles, Santa Ana. Patient and persistent labor, with the undying purpose to take hold, hold on and never let go, have characterized the missionary labor among these people the past year.

There has been a good degree of success attending these efforts in the conversion to Christ and baptism of at least twelve souls. Meanwhile, they seem to have gained strength by wrestling with difficulty, learned wisdom from defeat and reaped profit from adversity, until the future seems far more promising than the past.

2d. What ought to be done. First, we ought to obey the divine commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," beginning at home, without any regard to color line or race distinction, only as we may the better organize to lead all classes and conditions of life to the Son of God, who is the Sent of God to be the Saviour of the world. Second, we ought to recognize the opening of the long closed gates of China as an answer to the prayers of the church and send laborers throughout the field, now "white to the harvest," and since we have failed to do this, God's appointed work, we may well ask if the thousands who have been sent to our land, have not brought with them an inarticulate language, which, if properly translated would read: "If you do not send the Gospel blessing to China, I will suffer China to send a curse to you." We may yet see the importance of these missions, and heed the warning of God: "Fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses."

We must not forget that without divine grace sin will much sooner debauch the good than the good will reform the evil. Third, let us pledge these noble men and women our sympathy, prayers and co-operation. Fourth, your Committee recommend that a suitable time be appropriated to consider this important work in our State Convention.

H. G. De Witt,
John Downie,
J. L. Lyon,
Elvira Bradway.

Upon a motion to adopt, the report was commented upon by Rev. Dr. Hartwell, Rev. Mr. Vane, Dr. De Witt and Dr. Abbott. Adopted.

A motion for a special committee on recent Chinese legislation was entertained and adopted, and Capt. G. A. Huil, and Revs. Vane and Hobart were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the views of the Convention on such class legislation.

Committee to report names of representatives to National Anniversaries in Chicago submitted the following report, which was adopted.

We recommend Dr. E. H. Gray and Rev. C. H. Hobart.

S. B. MORSE,
Chairman.

We recommend as delegate from California Educational Society to the National Educational Society, meeting in Chicago in May, Rev. J. H. Garnett.

S. B. MORSE,
Chairman.

Committee on Temperance reported through Chairman Vane, who said that he had been unable to get any members of the Committee together, and so the report expressed his individual views, and that if it should be considered a little radical, he alone was to blame. The report was applauded, and after being amended by the addition of a resolution proposed by Dr. Read, condemning the manufacture, sale and use of California wine, was adopted without discussion.

Your Committee report as follows:

We regard the traffic in intoxicants and the drink habit as the great menace of the home—to our homes, our country and our churches. Your Committee therefore recommend:

First, That this Convention voices the earnest purpose of California's ten thousand Baptist men and women, when we declare war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt, in our efforts to suppress the open saloon within the boundaries of our State.

Second, That we regard Constitutional Prohibition as the only feasible way to rid our country of the blighting, withering curse of the open saloon.

Third, We rejoice greatly in the work, and its results, of that consecrated body of Christian temperance workers, the "Women's Christian Temperance Union," hereby reaching out to them the hand of fraternal greeting—bidding them God-speed in their work of love, "for home, and God and native land."

Fourth, While disclaiming any desire or purpose to dictate to any one how to exercise his right of suffrage, yet we do claim that God requires of every Christian man to cast his vote in His fear. Therefore, we earnestly entreat of Baptist voters, that on this question of ridding our

land of the awful menace of the open saloon, they vote as they pray, and pray as they vote.

JEAN VANE.
For Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. W. E. Adams. After prayer by Rev. J. C. Jordan, the report was adopted.

Your Committee on Obituaries have been unable to secure all the facts concerning the deaths in the Baptist denomination in our State during the past year. As far as we can learn there have been sixty-three in all. By Associations as follows:

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| Los Angeles | 17 |
| Central | 13 |
| Clear Lake | 11 |
| Pacific | 11 |
| Sacramento | 3 |
| Unassociated | 8 |

We cannot make special mention of each one, but would draw attention to the following:

Rev. J. B. Barry died at Vallejo, in the midst of a useful work. His loss was deeply regretted by his people, and felt by our denomination.

Rev. Albert Farrow of Goleta also died with the harness on as pastor of the church there.

Deacon S. L. W. Conner of the First Baptist church, Sacramento, passed away since the commencement of our present session. He had been an earnest Christian worker, and deacon of the church for many years.

Deacon A. K. Warner of the Tenth Avenue church, Oakland, has also passed away since our gathering here. He was a constituent member of this church, and gave the lot on which the church stands.

While we mourn the loss of so many, yet we have reason to rejoice that they have lived, and left the record of Christian lives. Their works do follow them.

S. S. FISK,
WM. R. GALLUP,
W. E. ADAMS,
J. M. HELSLEY.
Committee.

Captain Hull, from the special Committee on Chinese Legislation submitted a report, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That as Baptists assembled in Convention, in view of certain class legislation proposed in San Francisco, and in the General

Government, we wish to put on record the expression of our opinion, for which, as a denomination, we have always contended and will always contend, that all legislation should be equal and fair for all classes and conditions of men, without regard to race, color or religion, protecting always the principles of equity and civil and religious freedom. And we deem the action of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, requiring the removal of the inhabitants of Chinatown, so-called, in a body, from their homes, and the requiring of the registration of them as a single class, as special legislation, unjust, and at war with our Christian and American civilization.

There being no further business, it was moved to adjourn, after prayer by Rev. Dr. O. C. Wheeler.

After singing the hymn "How Firm a Foundation," the President announced the Convention adjourned at 2.35 P. M.

BUNYAN SPENCER,
President.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
Recording Secretary.

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## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA.

The Board of Directors met in the pastor's study of the Tenth Avenue Baptist church, Oakland, California, immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, April 11th, 1890. No quorum being present, the Board adjourned to meet April 21st, at 1.30 P. M., in Y. M. C. A. parlor, 232 Sutter street, San Francisco.

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The Board met as above appointed, and H. L. Gear, Esq., of San Francisco, was elected Chairman, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, of Alameda, Secretary, and W. R. Strong, Esq., of Sacramento, Treasurer.

The following brethren were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: H. L. Gear, J. Q. A. Henry, P. W. Dorsey, C. H. Hobart and Wm. C. Spencer.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

WM. C. SPENCER, Secretary.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TENTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH,
East Oakland, April 11th, 1890.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Baptist Historical Society of California was called to order at 3 P. M. The President, Rev. Dr. Wheeler, being too feeble to preside, the Vice-President, Rev. Dr. Pendleton took the chair, and appointed as a Committee on Nominations, Rev. J. H. Garnett, G. M. Coulter, and Rev. W. H. Stenger.

The following persons were then enrolled as annual members:

G. Dodge, Mrs. G. Dodge, A. L. Thompson, Mrs. C. Thompson, J. M. Helsley, Dr. J. B. Saxton, W. H. Stenger, Mrs. O. C. Wheeler, Rev. B. Spencer, Rev. W. W. Willis, C. T. Baker, E. N. Lenox, Mrs. W. P. Saultly, Rev. G. B. Rieman, Rev. J. B. Knight, G. M. Coulter, C. J. Prescott, Mrs. M. C. Wilbur, Mrs. Jas. Boyd, Mrs. S. M. Holland, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Rev. D. Reed, D. D., Rev. J. H. Garnett, Mrs. J. B. Hartwell.

The Committee on Nominations reported:

For President, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., of Oakland.

For Vice-President. Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D. of Los Angeles.

For Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., of San Francisco.

The report was adopted and these officers were elected.

Rev. J. H. Garnett called attention to the fact that the address delivered last year by Rev. Dr. Wheeler, had been published by the Leader Publishing Company, with the approval of the brethren, at a cost of $47, of which amount the Com-

pany had received by the sale of the address, only $5, leaving a balance due of $42. On motion, the Society assumed the debt, and ordered the Secretary to solicit funds sufficient to supplement, for this purpose, the balance that will be left in the Treasury after paying for the printing of the minutes of the present session. On motion, it was ordered that the address hereafter be sold at ten cents per copy.

Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D., delivered the Annual Address, according to the appointment of last year, on the "Early History of Baptists in California."

On motion of Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, the Society passed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Saxton for his carefully prepared and exceedingly interesting address, a copy of which, when revised by the author, will be placed in the archives of the Society.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Garnett, Mr. A. B. Forbes of San Francisco was requested to prepare for our next annual meeting, a paper on "Early Baptist History in California."

The annual report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read and approved, as follows:

## REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Your Secretary and Treasurer respectfully reports that since the last meeting of the Society, he has received and placed on file copies of minutes of the Baptist Associations and Conventions of the State for the year 1889, and from Rev. J. O. Redden, some copies of minutes of Santa Barbara Baptist Association, for a few other years; also from Dr. Wheeler, minutes of San Francisco Association, Pacific, Sacramento River, Santa Barbara. Los Angeles, and Eastern Associations.

Your Secretary hereby renews his request made last year for files of minutes of the late Baptist State Convention, of Associations in the State, both those now existing and those that have become extinct; also historical sketches of churches, biographical sketches of pastors, deacons and other prominent Baptists, photographs of church buildings, college buildings, Baptist college presidents, professors, ministers, etc.

Herewith is submitted a statement of the condition of the Treasury.

The Baptist Historical Society of California in account with J. B. Hartwell, Secretary and Treasurer.

| 1889 | Dr. | |
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| April 12. | To paid for Life Membership of Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., as per order of the Society this day. | $10.00 |
| | To paid for printing minutes of Convention, 1889..... | 8.50 |
| | Balance on hand April 11th, 1890..... | 31.65 |
| | | $50.15 |

| 1889 | Cr. | |
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| April 8. | By cash on hand as per account rendered this date..... | $25.15 |
| April 12. | By amount received from 58 annual members at meeting in Sacramento..... | 14.50 |
| April 12. | Cash for Life Membership of Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D, LL. D..... | $10.00 |
| April 12. | Cash for Annual Membership of Revs. W. T. Fleenor and W. C. Spencer..... | .50 |
| | | $50.15 |

J. B. HARTWELL,
Sec. and Treas.

San Francisco, April 11th, 1890.

On motion, Bro. A. W. Palmer, late proprietor of the *California Baptist* was requested, if possible, to furnish the Society with a file of that paper from its beginning.

On motion, the same request was made of the present and former proprietors of the *Herald of Truth*.

On motion, the Society requested photographs of ministers, college presidents, professors, officers of conventions, associations, missionary and other societies, and other Baptists; also of college and church edifices.

On motion, the Society adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Willis of Redlands.

O. C. WHEELER, President.
J. B. HARTWELL, Secretary.

# MINUTES
OF
# Theological Conference.

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1890.

In the absence of the Moderator, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. Dexter, of Vallejo.

Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., elected temporary Chairman.

The Conference then listened to a statement by the Chairman.

Report of the Secretary of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

Report of the Treasurer of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

Report of Chairman of Committee.

The Chair then appointed as a Committee on Enrollment, Brethren Latourette, Herrick and Winbigler.

An announcement of the death of the senior deacons of the Tenth Avenue church, and of the Calvary Baptist church, of Sacramento, at almost the same hour.

Voted that we be led a moment in prayer. Led by Dr. Pendleton.

Committee on Enrollment reported the names of the delegates appointed by the churches.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That, as delegates to this Theological Conference, we endorse the action of the past year in the organization of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union, and that at this hour, here and now, we turn over the work of this Conference to this Union.

E. H. GRAY, President.
A. J. STURTEVANT, Secretary.

# ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# Baptist Education Society of California.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1890.

At 8 P. M., the President of the Convention announced that the time had come for the annual meeting of the Baptist Education Society of California, and gave way to its President, Rev. Dr. Abbott, who at once appointed, as time was brief, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. G. E. Good, Rev. I. D. Wood, Committee on Nominations.

President Abbott presented report on Society, explaining and enforcing its purposes.

In accordance with report of Nominating Committee, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, G. S. Abbott, D. D.; Secretary, Lorenzo D. Inskeep; Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Hobart; Complement of Executive Committee, P. D. Code, Esq., Capt. G. A. Hull, U. S. A., both of San Francisco. Dr. Good and Dr. Hartwell were appointed to receive annual membership fees.

The following were reported:

Rev. J. Q. A. Henry; Mrs. J. Q. A. Henry, Albert W. Wadsworth, Jean Vane, C. N. Whitmore, Capt. G. A. Hull, L. D. Inskeep, Miss A. F. Ford, Rev. G. E. Good, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. I. D. Wood, Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. H. G. DeWitt, Jos. Plaw, Mrs. J. Plaw, Deacon Hamma, Miss Hattie Torson, J. C. Caldwell, H. L. Pelton, G. S. Abbott.

Adjourned to call of President.

LORENZO INSKEEP,
Secretary.

As many have not for a long time seen the Constitution of the above Education Society, it is herewith appended.

For the Society,
G. S. ABBOTT,
President.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be *The Baptist Education Society of California.*

SEC. 2. Any person may become a member of said Society, upon the payment of $1 annually, and a life member upon the payment of $25 at any one time.

SEC. 3. The objects of the Society shall be the fostering of institutions of learning in the State, under Baptist auspices, by public meetings, the dissemination of information bearing upon Christian education, and the collection of funds for the prosecution of the work, and for the sustaining of Baptist schools.

SEC. 4. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five, consisting of the officers and two others, chosen from the body, who shall be elected with the view of facilitation of work, and be elected annually. Three members of the Committee shall be members in good standing of a Baptist church.

SEC. 5. The duties of the officers and the Executive Committee shall be those usually prescribed. Vacancies in the Committee may be filled by the Committee until the next annual meeting thereafter.

SEC. 6. The Society will hold an annual meeting in connection with the General Baptist Convention of California, and shall receive reports from the Trustees of California College, and nominate Trustees for the College. The Executive Committee shall prepare such other programme for the annual meeting as may be deemed desirable to develop the work.

SEC. 7. The Society recommends educational meetings to be held annually, in connection with all the Associations in the State.

SEC. 8. Special meetings of the Society may be held at the call of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 9. The monies collected from membership, annual or life, shall be invested or appropriated as directed by the Society.

SEC. 10. A majority of members present at any meeting regularly called shall constitute a legal vote.

SEC. 11. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business.

SEC. 12. These rules may be altered, amended, or enlarged at any meeting of the Society regularly called, by a two thirds vote of those present at said meeting.

# REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY, 1890.

## ORGANIZATIONS.

| NAME. | PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR. | SECRETARY. | TREASURER. |
|---|---|---|---|
| General Baptist Convention of California | Rev. B. Spencer, 669 Delmlas Ave., San Jose. | B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F. | W. R. Strong, Sacramento. |
| Central Baptist Association | P. D. Code, Esq., 314 Washington St., S. F. | Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason St. S. F. | B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F. |
| Clear Lake Baptist Association | Rev. S. L. Sanford, Ukiah. | Rev. E. Waller, Upper Lake. | R. P. White, Upper Lake. |
| Eastern Baptist Association | Rev. L. E. Henderson, Willow Ranch. | Rev. P. J. Spoon, New Pine Creek, Or. | T. J. Garnett, Esq., |
| Los Angeles Baptist Association | Rev. W. F. Harper, San Diego. | Rev. C. E. Harris, Pasadena. | George Hisom, San Bernardino. |
| Pacific Baptist Association | Rev. S. C. Keetch, St. Helena. | Rev. W. T. Jordan, Dixon. | Robt. Crane, Esq., Santa Rosa. |
| Sacramento River Baptist Association | Rev. J. E. Barnes, Chico. | Rev. F. N. Baker, Maxwell. | J. F. Durham, Esq., Maxwell. |
| Santa Barbara Baptist Association | Rev. A. Grant, Santa Barbara. | Rev. J. O. Redden, Lompoc. | W. T. Lillard, Goleta. |
| Tulare Baptist Association | Rev. Eli Rees, Lemoore. | Rev. A. D. Smith, Fresno. | A. H. Dimock, Esq., Tulare. |
| Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society | Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, 2601 Howard St., S. F. | Mrs. L. P. Huntsman, 1264 Eleventh Ave., E. Oakland. | Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F. |
| Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society | Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley St., S. F. | Mrs. C. H. Hobart. 914 Sixteenth St., Oakland. | Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda. |
| Baptist Chinese Missionary Society | Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Highland Park, East Oakland. | Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason St., S. F. | H. Garthwaite, Esq., Oakland. |
| Trustees of California College | Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon. | Rev. Bunyan Spencer, 369 Delmas Ave., San Jose. | J. H. Stevens, 315 California St., S. F. |
| Trustees of Los Angeles University | Rev. Chas. Button, Riverside. | S. J. Merrill, Esq., Los Angeles. | Hon. J. D. Bicknell, Los Angeles. |
| Baptist Educational Society of California | Rev. G. S. Abbott, 118 Eleventh St., Oakland. | Prof. Lorenzo D. Inskeep, Highland Park, E. Oakland. | Rev. C. H. Hobart, 914 Sixteenth St., Oakland. |
| Baptist Historical Society of California | Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D. Oakland. | J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason St., S. F. | J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason St. |
| Ministers' and Laymen's Conference | Rev. H. L. Gear, San Francisco. | Rev. Frank L. Sullivan, Los Gatos. | ..... |
| Pacific Baptist Theological Union | Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Oakland. | B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F. | C. F. Baker, 1215 Chestnut St., Oakland. |

## Statistical Report Continued.
## TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS—CHURCHES.

| Associations. | Membership. | | | | | | Property. | | | | | Worship. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of Churches | Baptized during the year. | Total Gain. | Total Loss. | Net Gain. | Present Membership. | Valuation Meeting House | Valuation Parsonage. | Indebtedness. | Improvements During Year. | Seating Capacity. | Pastors' Salaries. | Other Expenses Annually. |
| Central | 34 | 192 | 677 | 342 | 335 | 3586 | $309,150 | $ 1,500 | $ 29,612 | $ 10,284 | $ 10,370 | $ 16,474 | $ 13,267 |
| Clear Lake | 12 | 47 | 94 | 56 | 38 | 570 | 21,961 | 4,000 | 1,412 | 9,613 | 2,330 | 3,325 | 640 |
| Eastern | 11 | 15 | 48 | 15 | 33 | 273 | 3,300 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 550 | 1,080 | 117 |
| Los Angeles | 34 | 308 | 1003 | 416 | 587 | *3299 | 215,460 | ..... | 8,450 | 3,860 | 5,860 | 22,965 | 8,825 |
| Pacific | 13 | 60 | 133 | 152 | 19 | 1008 | 55,820 | 6,000 | 3,600 | 1,061 | 3,235 | 8,201 | 1,912 |
| Sacramento River | 21 | 79 | 158 | 47 | 111 | 716 | 26,840 | ..... | 1,350 | 179 | 1,960 | 3,695 | 673 |
| Santa Barbara | 9 | 16 | 87 | 18 | 69 | 248 | 9,800 | ..... | ..... | 75 | 550 | 3,069 | 350 |
| Tulare | 18 | 19 | 98 | 26 | 72 | 529 | 15,980 | 400 | 1,600 | 158 | 1,050 | 3,725 | 746 |
| Unassociated Churches | 22 | 32 | 203 | 8 | 195 | 379 | 3,850 | ..... | 1,700 | ..... | 325 | 1,082 | 1,112 |
| | 174 | 828 | 2501 | 1080 | 1421 | *10,608 | $662,161 | $ 11,900 | $ 47,724 | $ 22,280 | $ 26,230 | $ 63,616 | $ 27,652 |

* Note.—There was an error in the reported membership in the Los Angeles Association last year, the correcting of which reduces the total membership in the State in April, 1889, to 9,419.—*J. B. H.*

## TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS—CHURCHES.

| ASSOCIATIONS. | BENEVOLENCES. | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Foreign Missions. | City Missions. | State Missions. | Home Mission Society. | California Chinese Miss'ns | A. B. Pub. Society Gen. Dept. | A. B. Pub. Society Bible Dept. | Education. | Church Build'g at Home. | Church Build'g Elsewhere. | Other Benevolences. |
| Central | $ 740.83 | $ 463.03 | $ 1063.80 | ..... | $ 283.20 | $ 112.69 | $ 37.96 | $ 3613.24 | $ 4,500 | $ 43.45 | $ 703.45 |
| Clear Lake | 108.05 | ..... | 99.00 | ..... | ..... | 12.00 | ..... | 35.00 | 4.408 | ..... | 335.00 |
| Eastern | 15.55 | ..... | 47.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 935.47 | 1,241.35 | 849.58 | ..... | 17.00 | 114.84 | ..... | 360.05 | 15 | 1017.85 | 2373.22 |
| Pacific | 128.20 | ..... | 401.45 | ..... | ..... | 26.85 | 12.10 | 23.52 | ..... | 68.40 | 128.55 |
| Sacramento River | 145.85 | 43.70 | 302.46 | ..... | ..... | 27.70 | 7.60 | 32.70 | 2,200 | ..... | 571.55 |
| Santa Barbara | 56.80 | ..... | 80.05 | ..... | ..... | 3.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 56.00 |
| Tulare | 6.00 | ..... | 161.90 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.50 | 14.75 | ..... | 5.70 | 17.00 |
| Unassociated Churches | 68.70 | 66.25 | 15.45 | ..... | 29.25 | 8.00 | ..... | ..... | 475 | 8.40 | 45.00 |
| | $ 2205.45 | $ 1814.33 | $ 3021.13 | | $ 329.45 | $ 305.68 | $ 61.16 | $ 4079.26 | $ 11,598 | $ 1143.80 | $ 4229.82 |

## SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

| ASSOCIATIONS. | Enrolled | | | Average Attendance. | Pupils Baptized During Year. | Vols. in Library. | Value of Library. | Annual Expense of Schools. | CONTRIBUTIONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Pupils. | | | | | | A. B. Home Mission Society | City Missions. | State Missions. | Foreign Missions. | California Chinese Miss'ns | A. B. Pub. Soc. Gen'l Dept. | A. B. Pub. Soc. Bible Dept. | Higher Education. | Church Build'g at Home. | Church Build'g Elsewhere. | Other Benevolences. |
| Central | 42 | 494 | 4176 | 2905 | 126 | 4856 | $ 2185.00 | $ 3861.04 | ..... | $ 187.96 | $ 407.27 | $ 337.50 | $ 194.00 | $ 452.55 | $ 116.90 | ..... | $ 103.65 | $ 121.40 | ..... |
| Clear Lake | 8 | 67 | 585 | 459 | 3 | 129 | 65.00 | 350.46 | ..... | 24.05 | ..... | 6.35 | ..... | 17.00 | 10.00 | ..... | 65.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Eastern | 3 | 21 | 108 | 98 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 55.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 34 | 228 | 1717 | 1243 | 65 | 1273 | 457.25 | 878.83 | ..... | 37.56 | 190.38 | 64.85 | 17.00 | 79.06 | 21.12 | ..... | 24.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Pacific | 14 | 135 | 993 | 683 | 9 | 980 | 215.00 | 517.75 | ..... | ..... | 78.30 | 25.65 | ..... | ..... | 58.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 108.58 |
| Sacramento River | 10 | 64 | 410 | 343 | 10 | 137 | ..... | 235.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Santa Barbara | 6 | 46 | 287 | 312 | 7 | ..... | ..... | 162.02 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15.01 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tulare | 14 | 60 | 591 | 379 | 6 | 414 | 95.00 | 346.28 | ..... | ..... | 14.00 | 2.00 | 12.50 | 3.00 | 4.55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Unassoc'd Churches | 5 | 33 | 200 | 180 | 6 | ..... | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 136 | 1148 | 9067 | 8052 | 232 | 7769 | $ 3017.25 | $ 6456.38 | ..... | $ 254.57 | $ 689.95 | $ 436.35 | $ 223.50 | $ 566.62 | $ 210.82 | ..... | $ 192.65 | $ 121.40 | $ 108.58 |

## REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

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### MISSIONARIES.

General Secretary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Alameda
District Missionary, So. Cal.....Rev. C. W. Gregory, E. Los Angeles

### MISSIONARY PASTORS.

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B. Spencer.....San Jose
Aug. Olson.....San Francisco
S. J. Nunn.....Eureka
G. E. Good.....Woodland
W. R. Connelly.....Redding
J. C. Jordan.....Bakersfield
J. F. Childs.....National City
S. B. Randall.....San Jacinto
T. L. Crandall.....Alhambra
A. P. Brown.....Palms
W. H. Carmichael.....San Luis Obispo
A. Grant.....Santa Barbara
J. O. Redden.....Lompoc

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Mrs. Emma Bullard.....Chico
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno
Mrs. Amanda Egli.....Tulare
Lum Chau Tan.....Transient

### BAPTIST MINISTERS IN CALIFORNIA.

April, 1890.

Abbott, G. S., D. D.....118 11th street, Oakland
Adams, H. E.....Santa Clara
Adams, W. E.....Santa Rosa
Alexander, T. W.....Tulare
Alger, N. W.....Santa Cruz
Anderson, Peter.....San Diego
Anderson, C. H.....Los Angeles
*Archer, G. W.....Bakersfield
*Austermell, J. H.....Los Angeles
*Bailey, B. T.....San Jose
Bailey, G. S., D. D.....Pomona
Baker, F. N.....Maxwell
*Bangle, T. M.....San Bernardino
*Barnes, J. E.....Chico
*Barnes, J. T.....Petaluma

Barr, John.....Pomona
Bauder, W. H.....Woodville
Beesley, C. A.....1725 O street, Sacramento
Bennett, E. R.....Pomona
Bettesworth, J. J.....Hanford
*Bonner, J. D.....Willow Ranch
Borroughs, J. N.....Janesville
Bowles, T. R.....Winters
*Boynton, Amos.....San Jose
Bradley, M. G.....Biggs' Station
*Briggs, O. W.....Berkeley
*Bristol, H. C.....Dixon
*Brooks, J.....Woodbridge
Brown, A. P.....The Palms
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*Button, Chas.....Riverside
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Carmichael, W. H.....San Luis Obispo
Cartwright, J.....Malaga
Cauch, Jno., M. D.....Santa Paula
Childs, J. F.....National City
*Chilson, J.....Fallbrook
Clark, A.....Bishop Creek
*Clark, R. D.....Eureka
Clay, Jeremiah.....Downey
*Cole, A. L., D. D.....Santa Ana
Connelly, W. R.....Redding
Crandall, T. L.....Alhambra
Crittenden, Orrin.....Mountain View
*Cunningham, G. P.....Shingletown
Daniels, J. W.....San Diego
Dawson, J. W.....Anderson
De Witt, H. G., D. D.....Fresno
Dexter, S. K.....Vallejo
*Disher, G. W.....Oakland
Dixon, Frank.....East Oakland
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*Dudley, Waldo.....Churchill
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Dye, Geo. E.....Santa Ana
Eby, M. S.....Westport
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Edwards, J. E.....Cloverdale
Erickson.....Linne
*Ewer, W. D.....Los Gatos
Faw, Geo. P.....San Miguel
*Fechter, Jno.....Pasadena
*Findley, E.....Chico
Fisk, S. S.....Santa Rosa
Fleenor, W. T.....711 Twentieth street, Oakland
Fleming, I. D.....1066 Twenty-fourth street, Oakland
*Florence, B.....Santa Maria
*Forbes, C. F., M. D.....5 Stockton street, San Francisco
*Foster, Jos.....Santa Clara

Freeman, J. A.....Norwalk
Frost, A. J., D. D.....San Bernardino
*Fuqua, I.....Pomona
Garnett, J. H.....532 Commercial street, San Francisco
Gaston, W. L.....Banning
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Henry, J. Q. A.....618 Golden Gate avenue, San Francisco
Herrick, A. C.....1304 N street, Sacramento
Herritage, J.....Poway
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Hobart, C. H.....914 Sixteenth street, Oakland
Hollenbeak, W. H.....Pittville
*Howard, M. L.....Ukiah
*Hubbard, Jno.....Santa Cruz
Harthorn, Wm. M.....Orange
Jordan, J. C.....Bakersfield
Jordan, W. T.....Dixon
Keetch, S. C.....St. Helena
Kennard, J. S., D. D.....Los Angeles
Kidder, W. S.....Ono
Knight, J. B.....San Francisco
Kirkpatrick, T. J.....Orland
Koehler, F. C.....Pasadena
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*Leonard, Wm.....Red Bluff
*Lillard, G. H.....Los Angeles
Lindsey.....Fresno
*Lord, T. N.....Los Angeles

Luce, C. S.....Poway
Malmburg, A. O.....Paso Robles
*McKee, Thos.....Los Angeles
*McKusick, H. P.....Norwalk
*Merriam, J. F.....Santa Ana
Mitchell, Wm. A.....Marysville
Moody, J. F.....Ukiah
*Moore, A. S.....Los Angeles
*Morris, V.....Winters
Morse, S. B., D. D.....E. Oakland
*Myers, J. C.....Orange
Nelson, C. M.....1204 Fourteenth street, Oakland
Nicholas, J.....966 Castro street, Oakland
Norris, S. J.....Auburn
Norvell, J. S.....Swatow, China
Nunn, S. J.....Eureka
Nylen, J.....Linne
Odum, W. W.....Modesto
Ogle, B.....Hanford
Olsen, August.....107 Twelfth street, San Francisco
Orgren, A. B.....Chino
*Palmer, T. R., D. D.....National City
Parks, H. H.....Willows
*Paulson, M.....San Francisco
Pendleton, W. H., D. D.....Los Angeles
Pierce, S. C.....Coranado Beach
Phillips, Thos.....San Bernardino
*Pilllsbury, S. S.....Tulare
Platt, E. W.....Santa Ana
Randall, S. B.....San Jacinto
Randall, W. H.....Penryn
*Randolph, Thos. E.....Marysville
Read, Daniel, LL. D.....305 W. 8th street, Los Angeles
*Read, Geo. R.....Alameda
Read, O. B.....Alhambra
Redden, J. O.....Lompoc
Rees, Eli.....Lemoore
*Reid, S. E.....Fresno
Reider, J. H.....Station D, Los Angeles
Renfro, E. H.....Sanger
Reynolds, G. W.....Lake City, Modoc County
Rice, Eli.....Fort Bidwell
Rider, A. W.....Los Angeles
Rieman, G. B.....759 Jefferson street, Oakland
*Rigby, N. J.....Los Angeles
Riley, C. C.....Cienega
Riley, J. W.....Selma
*Ringo, S. A.....San Francisco
*Roberts, Jos.....Napa
Rogers, G. N.....San Francisco
Root Wm.....Pine Grove
Ross, I. S.....Caspar
Runyan, A. W.....2529 California street, San Francisco
Russell, A. M.....Willows
Sanford, S. L.....Ukiah
Satterfield, Jno.....Visalia

Saxton, J. B, D. D.....Vacaville
*Schalike, F. W.....515 Fell street, San Francisco
Scott, G. W.....Santa Rosa
*Sears, Jesse S.....Azusa
*Shaw, J.....Los Angeles
Smith, Alanson D.....Fresno
*Smith, Dexter P., D. D.....Santa Ana
Smith, Harvey.....Shingletown
Spencer, Bunyan.....369 Delmas Avenue, San Jose
Spencer, Wm. C.....Alameda
Spoon, P. J.....Willow Ranch
*Stark, J. I. G.....Alturas
Stenger, W. H.....Alameda
Stephens, Thos. H.....Wheatland
Stewart, Chas. W.....College City
*Stinson, F.....Los Angeles
*Stockwell, J. N.....Lemoore
*Sill, E. E.....Riverside
*Sawyers, M. K.....Little Lake
Sullivan, F. L.....Los Gatos
*Swena, Anson.....Gonzales
Sturtevant, A. J.....842 29th street, Oakland
Sykes, M. E.....San Diego
Taft, S. A., D. D.....Black Diamond
Taylor, C. S.....Maxwell
Taylor, D. T.....Upper Lake
Thompson, C. J.....Colton
*Thompson, R. S.....Bakersfield
*Thompson, W.....Sutter City
Tinker W. W.....E. Los Angeles
*Toombs, J. B., D. D.....Anaheim
Tomlinson, A. B.....Monrovia
Tong Kit Hing.....915 Clay street, San Francisco
Tooms, R. W.....Bakersfield
Travis, G. J., Ph. D.....Fallbrook
Vane, Jean.....Chico
Waller, E.....Upper Lake
*Weaver, F. L.....Sonora
*Webb, Abner.....East Oakland
Webb, A. W.....Tulare
Webb, J. C.....Ceres
*Wells, Jas.....Shingletown
Weston C. F.....Sonora
*Wheeler, O. C., LL. D.....Oakland
Whipple, H. E.....Kibesillah
*Whitcomb, Orrin.....Willitts
Whitcomb, Orrin, Jr.....Willitts
Whittemore, E. T.....Berkeley
Willis, W. W.....Redlands
Winbigler, C.....Riverside
Wood, I. D.....Selma
Wood, Thos.....Vienna
Wood, W. O.....Springville
*Wright, M. V.....Los Angeles

J. B. HARTWELL, Statistical Secretary.

*Not engaged in ministerial work.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

## OF CALIFORNIA.

The ninth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Pilgrim Congregational church, Oakland, April 9, 1890, commencing at 10 A. M.

The devotional meeting was led by Dr. L. J. Kellogg and was a most precious season and an inspiration for the day's work.

Mrs. S. B. Morse gave a cordial welcome to this Society in behalf of the Tenth Avenue church. The President responded, dwelling upon the thought of a fuller consecration to the cause of Christ.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

On Enrollment—Mrs. T. H. Stephens, Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Mrs. I. D. Wood.

On Nominations–Mrs. H. Huddleson, Mrs. H. E. Adams, Mrs. S. B. Morse.

Report of Recording Secretary was read and adopted.

### REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

As we come to this, our ninth annual meeting, it is with joy and rejoicing in all hearts. Truly, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

At the meeting held in Sacramento one year ago, when it was proposed that we pledge ourselves to raise $500 for the support of a mission-

ary at Bakersfield, many felt that it was a large undertaking, and doubted if we could accomplish it.

Not only have we been able to promptly fulfill our obligations in this direction, but to raise another $500 toward a building at that place.

Looking back, we can see that the wisest and best thing has not always been done. But we can also see that there has been a large amount of faith-work, and as we gather to-day, we are grateful for the privilege of being "laborers together with God."

During the year we have held three public meetings, with the following circles: San Pablo Avenue and Tenth Ave, Oakland, and First church, San Francisco. At all of these meetings, the attendance and interest have been excellent, and we have had a goodly number of visitors from different parts of the State.

At the meeting held with the San Pablo Avenue church in June, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant's paper on "Bakersfield and its Needs," together with a letter from Rev. J. C. Jordan, aroused much enthusiasm, and led to the raising of the $500 toward an edifice for that destitute field.

All the papers prepared for these meetings have been on timely subjects, and have tended to increase our interest in this great Home Mission work.

Mrs. Latourette's paper on "Individual Responsibility," was published in the *Herald of Truth*. We wish the others might have had an equally broad circulation.

There have been ten Board meetings during the year, with an average attendance of eleven. The largest number at any one meeting was twenty, the smallest six. Thirty-four have been on our Board. It will be borne in mind that Associational Presidents and Secretaries, by virtue of their office, are on the Board; this will, in a measure, account for so large a number. Of course, very many living at a distance have been unable to meet with us.

At a meeting held October 1st, the Board requested Mrs. J. R. Bradway to represent the work of this Society in the northern part of the State. She visited Sacramento, Stockton, Wheatland, Chico, and Red Bluff; and, as a result, the interest in the work was increased.

Your Secretary has sent postals 285, letters 25, notices and articles for the *Herald* 6.

May the work and success of the past year but be an incentive to renewed efforts, fuller consecration and enlarged gifts for the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. H. HOBART.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary read.

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The past year has been one of varied experiences to the ladies of the Executive Board of our Society. Assuming at the beginning of the year what we felt to be a great undertaking, with trembling hearts we took the first steps in our year's work, but by degrees we grew stronger, and began in earnest the work before us. While at times we have had fears that we would fall behind in our obligations at the end of the year, yet we can now look back and say thankfully: "With us is the Lord our God to help us." Though we have carried a heavy burden this year, we have not carried it alone. *One* has been near to help us, to ease our burden, and to whisper words of encouragement when the way seemed darkest.

But as we assemble to-day, we rejoice that the burden is removed and that no obligations rest upon us unpaid.

At our annual meeting in April, 1889, our Society assumed the support of a missionary in the growing town of Bakersfield. $500 was pledged towards this object, and later $50 was added to this sum. Through the faithful efforts of our missionary, Rev. J. C. Jordan, a church was formed at Bakersfield, and the necessity of a home for this little flock soon became apparent. At the quarterly meeting of our Society in June, 1889, it was decided to raise $500 toward an edifice at Bakersfield. This made in all $1050 to be raised during the year. A large sum; but the Lord is able to do great things as well as small. Our ladies had strong faith that this money would come, and it has come, and more too. Christ said to His disciples: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed * * * *nothing* shall be impossible unto you."

In January last, work was commenced on the new building at Bakersfield, and we have now in that town a church which, for beauty of architecture and convenience of arrangement, is an honor to the denomination it represents. May the Spirit of the Lord ever rest upon this church so soon to be dedicated to His service.

Mrs. Davis, for four years the efficient President of our Society has ever been an inspiration and help. During the past year our work has rested as a burden on her heart, and amid other pressing duties, she has made many sacrifices of time and strength to advance the work.

During October and November, Mrs. J. R. Bradway visited several of the churches in the interest of our Bakersfield work, organizing circles and bands where it was possible to do so.

We feel that many of us little realize the help that our sister, L. Ella Miller, has been to our Society during the year.

Although State Organizer of the Woman's Baptist *Foreign* Missionary Society, she has ever been ready to form *Home Mission* circles where she found the *spirit* of Home Missions.

The Bureau of Supplies, under the efficient management of Mrs. S. C. Lillis, has proved a comfort and blessing to many families. Enough cannot be said of this sister's untiring zeal, indefatigable energy and faithful service in behalf of our Home Mission work, both in her capacity as Superintendent of the Bureau of Supplies, and in aiding to increase our Edifice Fund.

Some one has said "Heaven bless the man who first invented sleep." We say to-day, "Heaven bless the woman who first invented *patchwork* quilts." In the brain of our Sister Lillis originated the idea of sending out squares of a quilt, on which should be secured names at not less than ten cents apiece. Thirty-two squares were distributed and from twenty-three of these squares $143.10 has been realized.

We have been made to rejoice at the hearty co-operation of the churches in our work. To our appeals for aid, notwithstanding that this has been an unusually severe winter, almost all the churches have come up nobly to our help. Eight life memberships have been secured, and ten special contributions received.

One noticeable fact is that the money received this year has been raised in Northern and Central California. One special contribution has been received from Southern California, but with this exception, all our money has come from this part of the State.

Following are the reports from the different Associations. These reports are meagre, as many of the churches failed to respond to the request for an annual report from its circle:

The Pacific Association reports from five churches as follows:

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| Number of members | 43 |
| Meetings held monthly, semi-monthly, and every two months | |
| Copies of *Herald of Truth* taken | 60 |
| Copies of *Home Mission Monthly* taken | 35 |
| Amounts contributed | $ 55.75 |

The severe winter has had its effect on the churches, and not so much interest is manifested in mission circles as could be desired. All are hoping to accomplish better things during the coming year.

The Central Baptist Association, through its Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, reports as follows, from ten churches:

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|---|---|
| Number of members | 222 |
| Meetings held monthly | |
| Copies of *Herald of Truth* taken | 70 |
| " *Home Mission Monthly* taken | 18 |
| Amounts received | $454.80 |

The reports of the circles are encouraging, as they show progress in many respects. Several have been organized during the year, and our older circles speak of much larger amounts raised this year than ever before. The experiment of having a specific work has proved successful in the Association.

It is our earnest desire to see some one appointed the coming year to visit the churches in the interest of our W. B. H. M. Society, to awaken more interest, and give them a better understanding of their connection with the State Society, and the necessity of full reports, well and promptly made out.

Mrs. A. M. Russell of the Sacramento River Association reports as follows:

"It does seem that the 'laborers are few' in our Association. I have sent out blanks and communications to all of our churches, with but little response."

Four circles and bands report the amount raised during the year, $185.20.

No report has been received from the Clear Lake Association.

Summary of report so far as received:

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| Number of members | 265 |
| Copies of *Herald of Truth* taken | 130 |
| " *Home Mission Monthly* taken | 53 |
| Amounts contributed | $695.75 |

And now as we begin a new year of work for Christ, let us feel that we have received an impetus which will carry us through the year. We shall take up a new field; we shall need the money to cultivate it.

This is God's work and we are laborers in His vineyard. What a privilege to be "laborers with God" in carrying on the work of His kingdom.

Oh, that each church might realize how important and necessary a part it is of the machinery which moves forward this work! If all our churches felt the truth of this, not one, but *ten* missionaries might be supported every year, and we should have to take a new motto for our Society, for California would be Christ's.

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| Letters and postals written | 192 |
| Letters and postals received | 112 |
| Programmes for annual meeting distributed | 145 |
| Packages of H. M. literature distributed, besides many in other ways | 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. F. BAKER.

Corresponding Secretary W. B. H. M. S. of California.

Mrs. P. W. Dorsey felt these reports should not be passed by without an expression of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who had so abundantly blessed our labors, and of appreciation to our officers who had so faithfully stood by the work.

On motion of Dr. L. J. Kellogg, a rising vote of thanks was tendered to the officers, and support pledged for the year to come.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung.

Corresponding Secretary's report adopted.

Treasurer's report was read.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1890. (E. AND O. E.)

RECEIPTS FOR THE MISSIONARY FUND.

CHURCHES, CHURCH CIRCLES AND BANDS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Alameda | $ 27 50 |
| Bakersfield | 3 10 |
| Chico | 20 70 |
| Dixon | 6 50 |
| Dixon (Children's Band) | 7 00 |
| Fresno | 13 25 |
| Sanger (Good Hope) | 1 00 |
| Healdsburg | 3 00 |
| Los Gatos | 1 00 |
| Lakeport | 6 15 |
| Napa | 13 50 |
| Oakland First church | 77 00 |
| " " (Young Ladies' Band) | 10 00 |
| Oakland, Tenth Avenue | 78 20 |
| Oakland, San Pablo Avenue | 13 00 |
| Penryn | 8 00 |
| Santa Rosa | 17 15 |
| St. Helena | 9 80 |
| Santa Cruz, First | 11 00 |
| Santa Cruz (Willing Workers) | 6 00 |
| Santa Clara | 4 50 |
| Stockton | 20 00 |
| San Jose, First | 11 00 |
| San Jose, Emmanuel | 7 50 |
| San Francisco, First | 72 40 |
| San Francisco, Hamilton Square | 15 00 |
| San Francisco, Emmanuel | 7 00 |
| Willows (Golden Star Mission Band) | 37 40 |
| Woodland | 1 50 |
| Receipts from church circles and bands | $509 15 |
| Amount brought forward from last year | 29 25 |
| Total | $538 40 |

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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|---|---|
| Mrs. S. C. Lillis | $ 16 00 |
| Unknown | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Stegeman, Mountain Home | 2 50 |
| Mrs. Withington, Sacramento | 1 00 |
| Mrs. M. E. Case, Westminster | 5 00 |
| Mrs. M. D. Eshleman, Fresno | 25 00 |
| Total | 59 50 |
| Grand Total | $597 90 |

RECEIPTS FOR THE PRINTING FUND.

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|---|---|
| Collection (Public Meeting) Sacramento | $ 9 30 |
| " First Quarterly Meeting | 3 25 |
| " Tulare Association, Women's Meeting | 45 |
| " " General Meeting | 3 00 |
| " Pacific Association | 5 80 |
| " Second Quarterly Meeting | 9 85 |
| " Third Quarterly Meeting | 12 85 |
| " Central Association, Women's Meeting | 5 40 |
| Special Contribution, Mrs M. D. Eshleman, Fresno | 25 00 |
| Total | $ 74 90 |

RECEIPTS FOR THE BAKERSFIELD EDIFICE FUND.

CHURCHES, CIRCLES AND BANDS.

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|---|---|
| Alameda | $ 25 30 |
| Maxwell | 5 30 |
| Napa | 6 05 |
| Oakland, First | 72 00 |
| " " (Young Ladies' Band) | 7 80 |
| " " Mrs Bradways's Infant Class | 3 70 |
| " San Pablo Ave. Sunday-school | 11 65 |
| " Tenth Avenue | 38 75 |
| San Francisco, First | 55 00 |
| " Third | 3 25 |
| " " (Y. P. S. C. E.) | 1 60 |
| " Emmanuel | 1 00 |
| Salinas | 5 25 |
| Santa Rosa | 4 00 |
| Stockton | 7 00 |
| San Jose, First | 50 |
| Wheatland | 14 00 |
| Willows | 5 19 |
| Woodland | 4 00 |
| Receipts from church circles and bands | $ 271 34 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Special Collection, First Quarterly Meeting | $ 27 25 |
| Special Contributions at Central Association | 1 00 |
| Total | $ 28 25 |

BAKERSFIELD QUILT.

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| Miss S. E. Stein, Fresno | $ 21 00 |
| Oakland, Tenth Avenue | 3 00 |
| Mrs. I. D. Wood, Selma | 5 30 |
| Mrs. J. Remmel, Santa Clara | 6 10 |
| Mrs. M. R. Gardner, San Francisco, First | 4 00 |
| Mrs. A. M. Heald, Napa | 4 00 |
| Mrs. T. F. Jordan, Sanger | 1 80 |
| Mrs. J. N. Nidiffer, Kingsburg | 5 00 |
| Miss A. A. Jones, Vallejo | 2 40 |
| Mrs. S. C. Lillis, Kingsburg | 25 25 |
| Mrs. C. F. Baker, Oakland, First | 3 20 |
| Mrs. N. S. Douglas, " " | 1 90 |
| Mrs. S. B. Hunkins, San Jose First | 10 00 |
| Mrs. J. C. Fielding, Alameda | 7 10 |
| Mrs. W. H. Latourette | 7 00 |
| Mrs. A. A. Davis, Santa Cruz | 5 00 |
| — —Red Bluff | 1 60 |
| Mrs. B. Spencer, San Jose Emmanuel | 7 00 |
| Mrs. I. D. Fleming, Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue | 2 00 |
| Mrs. C. W. Barrett, Lemoore | 85 |
| Miss E. Pratt, St. Helena | 2 50 |
| Mrs. L. S. Jennings, San Francisco, Hamilton Square | 5 10 |
| Mrs. H. B. Buttrons, Los Gatos | 5 00 |
| Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Dixon | 4 00 |
| Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, San Francisco Emmanuel | 3 00 |
| Receipts from quilt | $143 10 |

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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|---|---|
| Mrs J. W. Henry, Healdsburg | 50 |
| Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Protzman, Nevada | 15 00 |
| Mrs. Geo. A. Riggins, St. Helena | 1 00 |
| Mrs. M. S. Remmel, Geyserville | 2 00 |
| Miss A. A. Jones, Vallejo | 1 00 |
| Mrs. S. C. Lillis, Kingsburg | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Hollis, San Francisco First | 1 00 |
| Mrs. M. E. Case, Westminster | 5 00 |
| Mrs. E. M. Chapman, San Jose Emmanuel | 5 00 |
| Mrs. C. H. Walker, Denver, Colorado | 5 00 |
| Mrs. M. D. Eshelman, Fresno | 50 00 |
| Mrs. S. B. Barnes, Dixon | 2 00 |
| Receipts from personal contributions | 92 50 |
| Total | $535 19 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

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|---|---|
| Missionary Fund | $597 90 |
| Printing | 74 90 |
| Edifice | 535 19 |
| Grand Total | $1,207 99 |
| Amount brought forward last year | 29 25 |
| Net receipts of the year | $1,178 74 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

SALARY FUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| To printing minutes | 32 00 |
| To W. R. Strong, on Rev. J. C. Jordan's salary | 550 00 |
| Cash on hand | 15 90 |
| Total | $597 90 |

PRINTING FUND.

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|---|---|
| To Mrs. S. C. Lillis for freight and sundries | 9 85 |
| To Mrs. W. C. Spencer, postage and stationery | 4 50 |
| To Carruth & Carruth, printing tracts | 2 00 |
| To *Herald of Truth*, printing tracts | 4 75 |
| To C. W. Jones & Co., printing tracts | 4 25 |
| To Mrs. J. R. Bradway, traveling expenses | 19 60 |
| To W. R. Hoyt, printing tracts, etc | 8 50 |
| Cash on hand | 20 45 |
| Total | $74 90 |

EDIFICE FUND.

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|---|---|
| To W. R. Strong | $27 25 |
| Cash in Oakland Bank of Savings | 507 94 |
| Total | $535 19 |

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. LATOURETTE, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

E. H. GRAY.

April 1, 1890.

Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant led in a prayer of praise for the many blessings of the past year, and the following hymns were sung: "Nearer My God to Thee," and "More Love to Thee."

Report of Bureau of Supplies was read and adopted.

## REPORT OF BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

The help given through this Bureau this year is as follows:

Alameda, barrel, value $25; money, $9.50; Chico, box, $54.60; Fresno, box, $20: Los Gatos, barrel, $21.80; Oakland, First church, two barrels; $125; Tenth Avenue church, barrel and box, $116.35; Pomona, barrel, $18; San Francisco, First church, box, $15; Hamilton Square church, barrel, $51.85; Sacramento, Calvary church, box, $40.35; Stockton, box, $38.55; Santa Rosa, barrel, $35.25; money, $2; St. Helena, box, $35; San Bernardino, box, $15; articles of clothing donated by Mrs. Russell, Willows, Mrs. Saufley, of Harrison street church and others, $25. Total value, $648.25.

While this amount is $66.80 less than that reported last year, it is more in proportion to the number of churches that have sent supplies. Last year we had help from eighteen churches, this year from but fourteen. The difference is owing chiefly to our having had but little assistance from the churches in Southern California. Since our sisters there have formed a Society of their own, we have not asked their help, feeling that they must have many calls for similar aid and from needy families in that part of the State, but out of the kindness and generosity of their hearts, the Pomona ladies have sent us a barrel for which we are very grateful. The box from San Bernardino, here mentioned, was sent in response to our last year's call, but too late for that report.

When work began last May, we had no expectation of reporting as much done at the end of the year as we are able to to-day. But we had not then calculated on the increase of interest in this branch of our work. In some places boxes and barrels were in demand early in the season, and to our surprise and satisfaction, instead of having to urge their being filled, we had but to answer the question: "Where shall we send them?"

Nearly all the circles that filled barrels last year entered into the work with great earnestness this year; and although we report a smaller amount of supplies now than then, we can speak of deeper interest, and better work. One circle that never before engaged in this kind of mission work has manifested the true missionary spirit in its giving.

Many and hearty thanks are due to all helpers.

Letters from families that have received aid show great appreciation of all efforts made in their behalf. With them we thank our Heavenly Father for having been able to render even this small service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. C. LILLIS,

Superintendent Bureau of Supplies.

A number of persons present spoke of cases where, but for the box or barrel sent to some missionary family, real need would have resulted.

The report of the Bureau of Intelligence followed and was adopted.

## REPORT OF BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

The work of the W. B. H. M. Society has been greatly aided during the year by the publication and wide circulation of the following leaflets: "Bakersfield and its Needs," by Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, and "The Last Opportunity," by Mrs. W. C. Spencer.

Throughout the year we have felt it necessary to bring our specific work before the churches in the State. The leaflet on "Bakersfield and its Needs" has been circulated over our entire field. It has even found its way across the mountains and into the hearts and pockets of many friends of mission work.

The leaflet by Mrs. Spencer, sets forth the need of helping our missionaries by sending barrels and boxes to cheer their hearts and warm their bodies.

Other literature has been as follows: "A Model Circle," "Systematic Giving," and "Young Ladies in Mission Work;" besides many helps for organizing circles and bands.

Blanks have been prepared which will prove a help to our Associational Secretaries in making up their reports.

The *Herald of Truth* has very generously offered a column every month for Home Mission matter. The following ladies have contributed to these columns: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Latourette, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Lillis, Dr. Kellogg, and Miss Bamford. Fourteen articles have been published during the year, thus helping to make known our work, its progress and its needs.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. F. BAKER.

Mrs. W. T. Jordan reported for the Committee on Enrollment.

## REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

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|---|---|
| San Francisco First | 17 |
| " Hamilton Square | 4 |
| " Third | 1 |
| " Swedish | 2 |
| " Emmanuel | 5 |
| Oakland First | 21 |
| " Swedish | 2 |
| " San Pablo | 3 |
| " Harrison | 2 |
| " Tenth Avenue | 3 |
| Santa Cruz First | 2 |
| " Second | 1 |
| Alameda | 5 |
| San Jose First | 3 |
| Sacramento First | 2 |
| " Calvary | 1 |
| " Emmanuel | 1 |
| Stockton | 2 |

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| Santa Clara | 1 |
| Penryn | 1 |
| Ceres | 2 |
| Healdsburg | 1 |
| Petaluma | 3 |
| Woodland | 1 |
| Dixon | 1 |
| Willows | 4 |
| Vallejo | 2 |
| Santa Rosa | 2 |
| Selma | 2 |
| Los Gatos | 2 |
| Fresno | 3 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1 |
| Wheatland | 1 |
| St. Helena | 3 |
| Vacaville | 1 |
| Ukiah | 3 |
| Cloverdale | 1 |
| Gonzales | 1 |
| Visitors | 30 |
| Total | 143 |

Among the visitors were Mrs. Jos. Ricker, of Augusta, Maine; Miss Lena Hagstrome, Swedish Missionary, of Oakland; Miss L. E. Miller, Rev. J. C. Jordan, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. W. E. Adams, Mrs. W. H. Pendleton, Mrs. A. W. Palmer and Mrs. D. Read.

Mrs. S. B. Morse read the report of the Committee on Nominations as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis; Vice-President, Mrs. L. S. Jennings. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Baker; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Hobart; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Latourette; Auditor, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D.; Associational Secretaries: Central Association, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant; Sacramento River Association, Mrs. Ollie Duncan; Clear Lake Association, Mrs. E. Starr; Pacific Association, Mrs. W. T. Jordan; Tulare Association, Mrs. I. D. Wood.

On motion of Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, Miss Clara P. Hull was instructed to cast a ballot for the persons named for the ensuing year.

On motion the Report on Specific Work was deferred until afternoon.

On motion the meeting adjourned until 1:15 P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. A. W. Russell, after which "To the Work" was sung.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted:

## REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

It would almost seem that God, in His kind providence, had bidden the Angel of Death to pass by our mission circles, so many have sent in the welcome report: "No deaths in our circle during the past year." Yet it is our sad duty to record the names of a few as called from work on earth to higher service: In Napa City, August 3, 1889, Mrs. Margaret J. Deakin, died at the age of forty-five years, eleven months and fifteen days. For twenty-two years, she professed faith in Christ, and during all these years, was a faithful, devoted follower of the Master. During her illness, when her pastor took her by the hand and asked her about the welfare of her soul, she answered: "Yes, *yes*; it is well! I am washed and made white." Then pausing, and looking upwards, she added: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me," and so passed away.

Mrs. Bessie B. Woods, wife of Chester A. Woods and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Browning, died in Penryn, Nov. 6th, 1889, aged twenty-nine years. She was an honored, faithful member of the church, esteemed and beloved by all who knew her. She had a great desire to live for the sake of her two little girls, but when she heard the Lord had ordered otherwise, she became resigned to His will, and in response to the question by her mother, "Is Jesus with you?" she replied: "Yes, He is my dear, precious Lord."

The First Baptist church circle of Stockton mourns the death of Mrs. Ada Vaughn, who died March 3d, 1890, aged sixty-two years. She became a Christian at a very early age, and during her entire life was an active, energetic worker in the church. Her loss is deeply felt, but she has passed from labor to the rest and reward of the righteous. Mrs. P. W. Blunt, always an active member of the W. H. M. Society, and a member of the Executive Board, while connected with the First Baptist church of Oakland, died in Fresno in March, 1890. She was one of the sweet and quiet spirits of earth, and beloved to an unusual degree.

San Pablo Avenue church, Oakland, has sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Diadamia Friend. Though in feeble health for many years, she never allowed physical weakness to keep her from the house of God, or from any of the departments of church work if it were possible for her to be present. She entered heartily into the work of mission circles, realizing that the work of missions was the blessed Master's work. She died in the triumphs of faith, and in the full hope of a blessed immortality.

We chronicle, with great sadness, the death of Mrs. Tabbie P. Hull, wife of Captain G. A. Hull, U. S. A., who died at her home, 614 Eddy street, San Francisco, on Thursday, June 6th, 1889, at 3 o'clock, A. M. She became a Christian in 1851, and was for many years a member, successively, of the Walnut street and Broadway Baptist churches, of Louisville, Kentucky. In December, 1878, when Captain Hull was assigned to duty in San Francisco, her association with the First church of that city began. She was a faithful attendant upon all the work and service of the church. She went out from her home for the last time to attend a quarterly meeting of the W. H. M. Society, held in the First Baptist church of Oakland. She was one of those beautiful Christian characters we so rarely see, loved best by those who knew her best, and esteemed highly by all.

Miss Jennie Clymer of the Harrison street Baptist church, Oakland, met with an untimely death by an accident, at the early age of twenty-one years. The church and her friends miss her earnest activity, and the Society lose one who gave promise of great usefulness. Besides these, we have the names of Miss Abbie Norton, of the Hamilton Square church, San Francisco, who died during the year. We know there are others, but we have not the particulars concerning their deaths, nor the records of their loving deeds. We only know they were loyal, earnest workers in the cause of missions. These are all missed. They are mourned for. They places will long remain unfilled, and they will ever be "remembered by what they have done." They are not dead, except to our dim, earthly vision. They have but heard and heeded the call, "Come up higher," and have only "entered another chamber of the King's, larger than this and lovelier.

MRS. S. B. HUNKINS,
MRS. L. FIELDING.

The report on Specific Work was presented.

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC WORK.

The Executive Board of the General Baptist Convention recommend to the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society the work in the town of Merced, in the county of Merced, and that we raise $600 for the salary of

a missionary pastor, and $500 toward an edifice. Merced is located on the line of the railroad, in the midst of a good productive country, with a good system of irrigation. Its chief products are fruit and grain. Merced is in the easterly portion of the county, and has a population of about 3,000. The county has a population of 7,000. In the town are two Presbyterian churches, and two Methodist churches. The nearest Baptist church south of Merced is at Fresno, fifty-five miles distant. North of them is one at Ceres, which is thirty-three miles away. On the west of them to the Pacific Ocean, and on the east to the mountains, not a Baptist church organization is to be found.

At present there are about a dozen Baptists in Merced who are eagerly calling and pleading for a church home. For two years or more the Home Mission Board have felt that it was an important field, but lack of funds constantly forbade their beginning the work. So eager have some of the sisters been to have a Baptist interest there, that for a year or more they have had quite a snug sum of money deposited in the savings bank, to be used when work there should be begun. Good lots in a most desirable location for a church edifice, valued at $1,000 or $1,200; also lots a little removed from the center of the town for a parsonage, valued at $250, all gifts to the denomination have been held in trust for two years by our General Secretary.

The work recommended to us this year, as that of last year, is in a most needy territory, as all will agree when we say that in the counties of Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Alpine, Amador and Eldorado, not a Baptist church organization exists. All these are adjoining counties.

Surely all will say this is an important matter, and in our decision let us be careful to pledge ourselves to a work we are willing to support, and if necessary, make sacrifices for. It is only with such consecrated effort and interest as has characterized the work of the past year, that we can take up this work and hope to accomplish good results.

Respectfullg submitted,

Mrs. R. L. W. Davis,
Mrs. C. F. Baker.

Mrs. Latourette spoke of the great need of the work at Merced.

Mrs. H. E. Adams, having lived near, testified that the need was pressing.

Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant remarked that we had grown in the estimation of the Convention Board. Last year they asked us to raise $500. This year they come and boldly ask us to raise $1,100.

The President said, in voting to accept this report, it was as though each one pledged herself to do her utmost for the raising of the money.

The report was accepted, forty-five rising to pledge themselves to go home and make the work of this year equal to that of last.

Rev. W. E. Adams spoke in behalf of the Indians of this State, hoping this Society might do something for them. Mrs. Yates, of Cloverdale, has a school for these people, and with a little help, could continue the work. A collection of $24.10 was taken for this object, and the matter of granting further aid referred to the Convention Board, and to be voted on at our next quarterly meeting.

Committee on Resolutions report as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, First, that we thank God for the marked increase of interest as shown by the reports of the year.

*Resolved*, Second, that we ask his guidance through the coming year which promises to be a very active one to our Society.

*Resolved*, Third, That we recommend the circles to greater effort in behalf of the Children's Bands.

*Resolved*, Fourth, That we acknowledge the kindness of the *Herald of Truth* in giving us generous use of its columns.

*Resolved*, Fifth, That we appreciate the Christian spirit shown by Miss L. Ella Miller towards the interests of this Society, as she has visited the churches in behalf of her own special work.

*Resolved*, Sixth, That we tender our thanks to the Home Mission Circle of the Tenth Avenue Baptist church of Oakland for its generous hospitality on the present occasion.

*Resolved*, Seventh, That we gratefully acknowledge the efficient services of the officers of this Society for the past year, and pray God that the same spirit of the Divine Master may continue with them through the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. BAMFORD.

MRS. WARREN OLNEY.

Mrs. W. C. Spencer presented an excellent paper on the "State of the Work in Northern and Central California."

Miss May Code favored us with a vocal solo.

A most comprehensive report of the state of the work in the United States was given by Mrs. J. Q. A. Henry.

Rev. J. C. Jordan, of Bakersfield, addressed the meeting' and remarked that the little church, of which he was pastor, had felt the inspiration of the Society, and returned thanks in behalf of the church for the aid given.

Miss Clara P. Hull read a most helpful paper on "Lessons Learned from the Year's Work." On account of the lateness of the hour, very little time could be given for discussion.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

On Resolutions, Mrs. T. H. Stephens, Wheatland; Mrs. Lydia Fielding, Alameda.

On Memorials, Mrs. S. B. Hunkins, San Jose; Mrs. H. Huddleson, San Francisco.

The meeting closed with prayer by Miss Jones, of Vallejo.

On Thursday, April 10th, the Convention kindly allowed this Society forty-five minutes for the presentation of its work. The President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, gave a synopsis of the work of the year. The Treasurer gave the receipts of the year, and Mrs. C. F. Baker read the Report on Specific work.

Mrs. H. E. Adams addressed the meeting, urging all to help in this work the coming year. Mrs. W. H. Pendleton, of Los Angeles, said the women of Southern California would take up the work at Bakersfield, so well begun by this Society.

Dr. Gray closed the meeting with words of congratulation to the Society in the success attained the past year, and suggesting that in the year to come we lay our plans so as to assist some of the young women it is expected will attend the Training School, to be opened in the fall.

# Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

## GENERAL OFFICERS.

*President*—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley street, San Francisco.
*Vice-President*—Mrs. L. S. Jennings, 1308 Steiner street, San Francisco.
*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. C. F. Baker, 1215 Chestnut street, Oakland.
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. C. H. Hobart, 914 Sixteenth street, Oakland.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.
*Auditor*—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Oakland.

## ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

*Central Association*—Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, 842 Twenty-ninth street, Oakland.
*Sacramento River Association*—Mrs. Ollie Duncan, Willows, Colusa county, Cal.
*Clear Lake Association*—Mrs. E. Starr, Lakeport, Lake Co., Cal.
*Pacific Association*—Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Dixon, Cal.
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## COMMITTEES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

*Memorial Committee*—Mrs. S. B. Hunkins, San Jose; Mrs. H. Huddleston, San Francisco.
*Committee on Resolutions*—Mrs. T. H. Stevens, Wheatland; Mrs. L. C. Fielding, Alameda.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid in evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, or in installments during the year.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice-Presidents ex-officio of this Society.

ARTICLE V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place; to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. This Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

# BY-LAWS.

1. Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of Associational Secretaries to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church in the Association, and working for their individual success; also to assist in the arrangements and make reports at the regular meetings of the Associational Society; conferring freely with the Corresponding Secretary, and receiving through her help, advice and direction from the Board of Directors. These Secretaries, as well as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, shall make annual reports to the Society.

5. The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a printing fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the Treasury.

7. The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8. All circles contributing less than one dollar per member to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

## CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the ——— Baptist church.

ART. II. Its object shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

## CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the ———Mission Band of the ——— Baptist church.

ART. II. Its object shall be to develop an interest in the cause of Missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those generally assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All moneys raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

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